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Remember us...and 'SLOW DOWN!'

Primary School pupils urge drivers

DRIVERS speeding past a Bridgend primary school are being confronted by signs designed by the youngsters, urging them to slow down – and keep children safe.

'Slow is the rule outside of school' and 'Love your town, please slow down!' are some of the messages on the striking signs, created by Brackla Primary pupils for a competition organised by local housing developer Lovell.

Out of 60 entries, it turned the seven best designs into large metal signs which are now prominently displayed on railings outside the school in Brackla Way.

Concern about traffic is also linked to the development of 99 affordable homes in nearby Coity, Bridgend, which Lovell recently completed in partnership with Linc Cymru Housing Association.

Brackla Primary School teacher Shellie Pavitt explained: "The children were very enthusiastic when we told them about the competition and we had a lot of great entries."

"I think traffic signs made by children are always more effective than the standard signs. Hopefully, they will make all drivers more aware of children being there."



Brackla Primary School pupils with their road sign competition entries.

Rumours send social media into meltdown over bollards!

PORTHCAWL social media went into meltdown on Sunday evening (March 20) after it was posted that pedestrianisation in John Street was to end from Monday morning.

For many years, the main street has been closed to traffic from 11am to 5pm. A Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) employee puts up the bollards at 11am and takes them down at 5pm.

The alarm was sparked by the claim that this arrangement would end, and that the police had raised concerns about safety.

On social media, there was huge anger at the "lack of consultation" and one town councillor said that the first she had heard of it was in a "confidential email" on Friday (March 18).

However, the outrage fizzled out on Monday morning, after town councillors received an email saying that Civil Parking Enforcement Officers (previously known as traffic wardens!) would be putting up and taking down the bollards.

A BCBC spokesman told The GEM: "We can confirm that we are still operating the bollards. It's just that the responsibility has transferred from one council department to another. It will operate as normal."

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Who wants to build what and where?

Dr Charles Smith – **El Roble, 1 Heol Fechan, Llangewydd Court, Bridgend** – Raise crown and reduce diameter of crown, remove two lower branches.

Ian Job-Smith – **2 Linnet Way, Brackla** – Crown reduce height of ash by 30 per cent and hawthorn by 30 per cent.

Dr Sarah Hemington-Gorse – **New House, Bryneglwy Avenue, Porthcawl** – Crown lift sycamore (T1) to approximately 5 metres.

Mr Steven Ames – **Rear of 7 Iestyn Drive, Pencoed** – Program of works to 7 trees, including removing branches, reduce height, cut back to a stump and thin canopy.

Mr Clive Banford – **42 Canberra Road, Bridgend** – 40 per cent crown reduction to oak tree in rear garden.

Triangle 3 Ltd – **Land adjacent to Waterton Lane, rear of Retail Park, Waterton** – Cut back branches that are overhanging the road and branches obscuring lights in the retail park.

Mr John Crocker – **Windrush, Heol Las Mawdlam to Heol Dewi, Ton Kenfig** – New dwelling.

Mr Jonathan Tossell – **5 Hawkhurst Court, Nottage** – Front and rear dormer extension and boundary privacy fence.

Mr P V Evans – **16 Highbury Crescent, Cefn Glas** – Single storey pitched roof shower room for disabled person.

Pin-It Pastry Ltd – **Abergarw Industrial Estate, Brynmynyn** – Remove conditions 3 and 4 of P/15/137/FUL.

Ms Deborah Jones – **40 Heol Llan, North Cornelly** – Change of use to cafe and take away/home delivery service for cooked dinners, fish and chips, burgers, pizzas, etc.

Scimitar Homes – **Coity Primary School site, Heol-yr-Ysgol, Coity** – Discharge of conditions 2, 3, 4, 6 and 7 of P/15/606/FUL.

Mr James Conroy – **112 Pishg Street, Kenfig Hill** – Create access with dropped kerb.

Mr Anthony Smith – **Land adjacent to the Old Police Station, Bethania Row, Ogmere Vale** – Detached dwelling.

Mr and Mrs Tinning – **35 Rest Bay Close, Nottage** – Extend front porch under existing canopy and two storey

rear extension.

Coastal Housing Group – **Former Rhiw multi-storey car park, Bridgend** – Non material amendment to P/15/60/FUL; add gymnasium use (D2) to existing commercial unit uses (A1, A2, A3).

Williams Partners – **Pantycornant Farm, Glynogwr** – Erect three bay agricultural extension to range of farm buildings within yard of farm unit.

Mr P V Rossini – **5 South Road, Porthcawl** – Non material amendment to P/14/118/FUL; alterations to dormer windows.

Mr Christian Bold – **10 Trem y Rhedyn, Coity** – Approval of condition 2 of P/15/802/FUL off-street parking provision.

Mr J Davies – **Plot 104, Woodland Gardens, Cilghant y Lein, Bridgend** – Proposed alteration of approved dwelling to include rear conservatory extension.

A J Davies – **17 Pleasant View, Caerau** – Discharge condition 3 of P/12/633/FUL.

Porthcawl Museum – **The Old Police Station, John Street, Porthcawl** – Discharge of conditions P/15/752/LIS.

Miss Rebecca Downs – **39 Ystrad Fawr, Bridgend** – Special needs adaptations, single storey shower/WC and lobby.

Jump Company Ltd – **Unit 2, Horsefair Road, Waterton Industrial Estate** – Discharge of condition 2 of P/15/827/FUL; change of use of existing warehouse into D2 leisure use.

Spring Design Consultancy – **Gate House rear of 34 Park Street, Bridgend** – Change use of building into a two-bedroom dwelling.

Mr A R Thomas – **Oakdale, Heol y Geifr, Pencoed** – Discharge of condition 3 of P/15/394/FUL.

Mr J David – **Land adjoining 39 Jubilee Road, Bridgend** – New two storey dwelling.

Mr A Howells – **5 Pleasant View, Caerau** – Replacement extension and rear dormer.

Little Stars Nursery – **Old Parish Bakery, Llynfi Lane, Maesteg** – Change of use from bakery/cafe to play school/children's daycare service (D1).

Mr Steven Moss –

Ashton House, Cefn Road, Cefn Cribwr – Extension, roof remodelling and loft conversion.

Kenfig Corporation Trust – **Fern Lea, Kenfig** – Demolish existing dwelling and construct a new dormer bungalow.

Bridgend Town Council – **Carnegie House, Wyndham Street, Bridgend** – Construct black metal archway with name and logos; notice boards in black metal and glazed; Refurbish toilet cubicles, alter partitions between toilet and kitchen, new DDA compliant toilet (all on first floor).

South Wales Wood Recycling Ltd – **Former Brynethin Nurseries and South Wales Wood Recycling, Pant Heol y Cyw** – Approval of details for condition 12 of P/14/711/FUL.

Mr and Mrs M Vowles – **Sandford, Bryneglwy Avenue, Porthcawl** – Non material amendment to P/15/48/FUL; remove windows, change Velux, change of garage fenestration.

Mr and Mrs A Roderick – **Y Berllan, 93 Coychurch Road, Bridgend** – Single storey rear extension.

Mr V Hughes – **Land north of Abergarw Farm, Brynmynyn** – Approval of details for condition 19 of P/14/742/OUT.

Mrs M Thomas – **28 Princess Street, Maesteg** – Single storey shower/WC and lobby to rear garden (special needs adaptations).

Mr M Ballenger – **2 Derlwyn Close, Tondur** – Platform lift and ramped access from public footpath to front entrance (special needs adaptations).

A P Littlejohns – **152 Highfields, Brackla** – 1.8m high un-climbable fencing to side boundary with public highway and between adjoining properties.

Bridgend Town Council – **Randall Memorial, Court Road, Bridgend** – Works to memorial including cleaning, replacing missing fretwork panel and reinstate stone basin.

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Bore coffi Maesteg i ddysgwyr a Chymry Cymraeg, Cafi 21, 11-12yp.

Dydd Mawrth: Bore coffi Pen-y-bont i ddysgwyr a Chymry Cymraeg, Cafi Tŷ Coffi Pen-y-bont, 10-11yb.

Dydd Iau: Siop Siarad, Siop Yr Hen Bont, Pen-y-bont, Cyfle i ddysgwyr holi cwestiynau, ymarfer a gloywi eu Cymraeg, ynghyd â dysgwyr o'r un lefel. Pob Dydd Iau Grŵp 1: 1pm-2pm. Ymarfer patrymau iaith lefelau Mynediad a Sylfaen. Grŵp 2: 2pm-3pm. I bobl sy'n gallu cynnal sgwrs Gymraeg ar gyfer Canolradd+.

Digwyddiadau Eraill:

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10.04.16 – Helfa Pasg i'r Teulu, Parc Gwledig Bryngarw, 11yb.

Dewch am hwyl a sbrîr ar Helfa Wyau Pasg ym Mharc Bryngarw. Edrychwch am y cliwiau i ddarganfod y gair a chasglu gwob!

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Weekly events:

Monday: Porthcawl coffee morning for Welsh learners and speakers, YMCA Porthcawl, 11am – 12pm.

Maesteg coffee morning for Welsh learners and speakers, Cafe 21, 11am – 12pm.

Tuesday: Bridgend coffee morning for Welsh learners and speakers, Tŷ Coffi Bridgend, 10am – 11am.

Thursday: Siop Siarad, Siop Yr Hen Bont, Bridgend. A chance for Welsh learners to ask questions and practice their Welsh. Every Thursday Group 1: 1pm –

2pm. Practising Mynediad and Sylfaen patterns. Group 2: 2pm – 3pm, for those who can hold a conversation in Welsh suitable for Canolradd+.

Other events:

07.04.16, Family Easter Bash, Grand Pavilion Porthcawl, 2pm – 4pm.

Come and celebrate Easter and have fun using your Welsh with the family. There will be all sorts of fun activities including arts and crafts, Easter egg design, Easter egg hunt, Easter Bunny's egg and spoon race, story-telling, face painting and more. Come along and celebrate with us!

Suitable for children aged 0 – 6 years old only. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

To purchase tickets contact the Pavilion on: 01656 815995, tickets £2.

08.04.16, Clwb Bili Broga, Bryngarw Country Park, 1pm – 2.30pm.

Come and enjoy a walk around Bryngarw Country Park with your children. You will have the opportunity to walk around the park, and are welcome to bring the buggies. We will finish the walk with an activity in the centre and a chance to sing and dance to Welsh songs.

This club is going to be conducted on a monthly basis and everyone will need to meet at the cafe. A warm welcome to all!

10.04.16, Easter Treasure Hunt for the family, Bryngarw Country Park, 11am.

Come along for some fun and games on an Easter egg hunt in Bryngarw Park. Look for the clues to find the word and collect your prize! Meet Kath by the café at 11am, contact Menter Bro Ogwr office to book a space. 11am – 1pm, £1 per child.

For more information contact Menter Bro Ogwr on 01656 732200, menter@broogwr.org; 07774 032624.

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Coity WI enjoy trip to gardens in winter

LYN GRIFFITHS opened the March meeting of Coity WI with the good news that we have two new members, and welcomed Pat and Jeannette.

We have had another interesting month with the visit to RHS Wisley high on the list of events we have enjoyed. Although it was a bitterly cold day, and we arrived at the Membury

services in a blizzard, the sun was shining by the time we arrived at Wisley.

The main attraction was the butterfly exhibition in the tropical house, which provided a welcome contrast to the wintry weather. In spite of the cold there was much to be seen outside, with drifts of crocuses and snowdrops, and groups of hellebores in various colours.

A very good lunch

and an attractive garden centre completed the day.

The craft group and the craft and natter met as usual.

The speaker for the evening was Rosemary Scadden, who gave an illustrated talk on 'The History of Modern Clothing'.

From the crinoline to the mini-skirt, we followed the evolution of fashion, recognising, or even remembering, the social and cultural events associated with many of the changes, and having personal anecdotes to share.

The next meeting will be on Thursday, April 21 at Gilead Hall at 7pm when the speaker will be Sion Llewellyn, whose topic is 'Love Spoons'.

New members and visitors are welcome.

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St John thanks

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CHARITY LUNCH

ON Saturday, April 2, a spring lunch takes place at the Hi-Tide, Porthcawl to raise funds for Cancer Research UK.

Tickets (£8) from Diane Jones on 01656 784762 or committee members.

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL MARCH 31)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary.

For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time	Ht	Time	Ht
	AM	M	PM	M
24 Thur	07.02	9.7	19.19	9.6
25 Fri	07.34	9.7	19.49	9.6
26 Sat	07.59	9.5	20.17	9.4
27 Sun	09.22	9.3	21.44	9.2
28 Mon	10.00	9.0	22.15	8.9
29 Tues	10.31	8.8	22.48	8.6
30 Wed	11.05	8.4	23.29	8.2
31 Thur	11.54	7.9		

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RAISING CASH TO HELP LATCH



BLACKMILL fundraising volunteers for the LATCH children's charity have been extremely busy in recent months. Through quizzes, a bazaar and a cheese and wine evening, they raised £1,910.95. Blackmill Post Office, Service Station and The Smithy, collected a total of £1,238.53 in their boxes: "LATCH wishes to thank all local people who helped or donated in any way," a spokesperson said.

Verges will be left to grow

BRIDGEND County Borough Council has confirmed that some rural roadside verges will be left to grow a little bit longer again this year in an effort to encourage biodiversity, but sight lines at junctions will be kept clear for all road users.

Cabinet members from the council have agreed that, during the growing season from April until the end of September, roadside verges will be cut every six weeks, while grass in open spaces will be cut on a four-weekly cycle.

New health centre is open in Bridgend



Carwyn Jones, Coun Richard Young, and Coun Mel Nott OBE outside the new Celtic Court health and wellbeing centre.

A NEW centre that offers support for local residents who may be experiencing issues with substance misuse has been officially opened in Bridgend.

The Celtic Court health and wellbeing centre, which actually opened its doors on Tremains Road earlier this year, is a purpose-built base for a wide range of support services offered by the Welsh Centre for Action on Dependency and Addiction, the Community Drug and Alcohol Team ABMU and the Bridgend Involvement Group.

Bridgend AM Carwyn Jones joined Coun Mel Nott OBE, the Leader of Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC), and Coun Richard Young, the Mayor of Bridgend County Borough, to declare the new facility officially open.

Council Leader Mel Nott OBE said: "Celtic Court has been deliberately located in a convenient and appropriate town centre location, and was designed and put together as a clinically-bespoke building by the council's Built Environment team using funding provided by the Welsh Government.

"More than £2.4 million has been invested in this very worthwhile refurbishment project to create an all-new health and wellbeing centre which is already benefiting local people who are in need of specialist support.

"I'd like to thank the Welsh Government for providing the funding for this facility, our Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University Health Board and third sector partners who are already hard at work here, and everyone else who has played a role in making the new centre a reality."

Apprentices tell a pensions giant how to appeal to young



ABOVE: Nikita Tandy, James Williams and Christie Buckeridge are pictured with Scottish Widows' pensions and investments director, Ronnie Taylor, and ISA Training's head of apprenticeships, Clare Jeffries, during the visit to Edinburgh.

THREE Bridgend apprentices are on a 'mission' to make young people aware of the importance of planning and saving for the future.

Now Nikita Tandy from Cardiff, Christie Buckeridge from Bridgend and James Williams from Maesteg have received a legacy grant from Lloyds Bank after impressing judges in last year's Money for Life Challenge, a national competition that aims to encourage better money management skills in local communities across the UK.

In the lead-up to the competition's Wales final, Scottish Widows' pensions and investments director Ronnie Taylor travelled from Scotland to meet the trio - apprentices with Bridgend-based ISA Training, the largest independent hairdressing training provider in Wales.

They told Mr Taylor that pension providers should use simpler language and less jargon in pension literature and online information to engage young people.

Their mission was to make it easier for people of all ages to understand the importance of starting to save into pension when they are young.

Impressed by the trio's enthusiasm, he invited them to meet his team at Scottish Widows' head office in Edinburgh to share their ideas and see the work being carried out to engage savers aged between 16 and 24.

As part of their project, the trio also created a Twitter page to engage with industry experts, recorded four short interview videos for YouTube with young people and the Mayor of Maesteg about their feelings towards pensions, carried out online research, and gave money-saving tips.

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Bryncethin campus is officially opened



ABOVE: Bridgend AM and First Minister, Carwyn Jones, unveils a commemorative plaque to declare the new campus officially open.

THE new home for Ysgol Bryn Castell and The Bridge Alternative Provision, has been officially opened at the site of the former Ogmogre Comprehensive School.

The old school has been remodelled to create the new 'Bryncethin Campus', which supports children aged up to 19 years old who have emotional, behavioural and social difficulties.

Bridgend AM Carwyn Jones unveiled a commemorative plaque to officially declare the new facility open, while school staff and senior councillors from Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) spoke of their pride.

Council Leader Mel Nott said: "For some time now, the council, the Welsh Government and our partners have been delivering new school facilities throughout the county borough as part of our school modernisation programme.

"We are rightly proud of the first-rate educational facilities that have been provided as a result of that, with a number of brand new buildings.

"The Bryncethin Campus represents a different sort of achievement in that we have taken a former comprehensive

school, and have remodelled it.

"Many ex-pupils will know the site from the days when it was the home of Ogmogre Comprehensive. A lot has changed since then, but one thing that hasn't changed is the council's desire to prioritise education and work with the Welsh Government and our partners for the benefit of all young members of the community."

Coun Huw David, BCBC's deputy Leader said: "I'm really impressed at how the old school has been transformed into a state-of-the-art new home for both Ysgol Bryn Castell and The Bridge Alternative Provision.

"As the pupils live all throughout the county borough, the site is also conveniently central, easily accessible and has room to spare for housing all of the support services necessary for giving children the very best start in life.

"I'd like to offer my sincere thanks to everyone who has played a part in helping to deliver the Bryncethin Campus - from the project team who put it together to the teachers and pupils themselves."

Also present for the official opening were guests including Janice Gregory AM, Huw Irranca-Davies MP, and Bridgend county borough Mayor Richard Young.



A number of guests gathered for the opening of the Bryncethin Campus.

Wick YFC in debate success



WICK YFC was awarded second place at the Glamorgan YFC senior debating competition in Pendolyn Primary School recently.

First speaker Evan Thomas was selected to go forward to Wales level, along with vice-chairman Katie Evans, selected as a reserve second speaker. The club said it was proud of the effort made by the team and wished the members going forward the best of luck.

Red Arrows' print handed to cadets

ON Wednesday, February 17 staff and cadets from 2117 (Kenfig Hill) Squadron RAF Air Cadets attended a presentation given by two members of the Red Arrows Royal Air Force aerobatic team at University of South Wales, Treforest.

Red 4 Flt Lt Stu Campbell and Red 8 Flt Lt Ollie Parr shared experiences of their careers up to date in the Royal Air Force. Flt Lt Campbell explained how he knew from an early age that he wanted to fly fast jets and has so far achieved this.

Mr Headon attended the presentation and



Sqn Ldr Barry C Thomas and CI Mr Chris Headon.

purchased a Red Arrows 50th anniversary limited print signed by all the members of the

aerobatic team. He presented the print to 2117 (Kenfig Hill) Squadron RAF Air Cadets and it was gratefully received by Sqn Ldr Barry C Thomas, Officer Commanding the Squadron.

Sqn Ldr Thomas said: "I am delighted with this kind gift to the squadron and it will soon be placed on display at the squadron headquarters. My thanks to CI Mr Headon for his kindness."

LINDSAY THOMAS
(CWC Secretary)

Students learn all about a career in construction

MORE than 25 painting and decorating college students and Bridgend schoolchildren took part in a painting competition - as part of National Apprenticeship Week.

Property services company Ian Williams teamed up with Bridgend College to run a career session for the second year running to give students the chance to find out first-hand what it would be like to undertake a painting apprenticeship at the company.

Phil Vine-Roberts, curriculum area manager (construction) at Bridgend College, said: "It's vitally important for us that we raise the

aspirations of our learners and encourage them to achieve their goals. A career in construction is extremely rewarding and the opportunities are limitless.

"It is these types of collaborations that afford the young people of today the prospects of a successful future. Our relationship with Ian Williams is a strong foundation to ensure we give learners the very best chance to succeed in the construction industry."

Lucas Davies Perrin, a current Ian Williams painting and decorating apprentice, was there to talk to students: "I really would recommend an apprenticeship to others," he said.

"It's been a great way for me to learn practical skills and find what job I

want to focus on. I get the benefit of classroom lessons and hands on experience, which is ideal for me."

Ian Williams is currently recruiting for their September 2016 apprentice intake and has vacancies nationally in painting and decorating, carpentry, plumbing and electrical work. Interested candidates can submit an application form via the Ian Williams website at www.ianwilliams.co.uk or email apprenticeships@ianwilliams.co.uk for more information.

School competition winners: first, Jystyn Jones; second, Jaiden Hartwell; third, Garryn Ballinger.

Level 1 competition winner: Joint first, Tomos Davies and Jade Kelly.

COULD YOU SAVE A LIFE?



Coun Freya Sykes demonstrates CPR.

AS part of St John Cymru Wales' commitment to put a first aider on every street, 12 enthusiastic members of the public recently joined members of Pencoed Bridgend Division to take part in a free First Aid awareness session.

The session, held at the new Minerva Street HQ, provided the opportunity for attendees to learn about dealing with emergency situations, how to treat an unconscious casualty, choking, and Resuscitation.

A spokesperson for the division said: "It was great to have so many people turn up for our session. It is so important that everyone learns first aid. Even learning the basics could help save a life".

Anyone interested in joining Pencoed Bridgend Division, or finding out more about St John courses, can ring 029 2044 9639 for further information.

PW

Bridgend Castle Players
'An Evening of Entertainment' will be held on Friday, April 1 at Bridgend Tennis Club - doors open 7.30pm, curtain up 8pm.

The evening will feature the following short plays: *One Careful Owner*, by H Connolly, directed by Martin Smidman, *Fair Stood the Wind...* For Aberbeeg, a comedy by Phil Nash, directed by Derek Traverse. *An Error of Comedies*, by Craig Robinson and Kelly Meek, directed by Kelly Meek (Youth production).

Tickets £4, available beforehand from Bridgend Castle Players' secretary, Sian - secretary@bridgendcastleplayers.org / 07980 871376, or on the door on the night, subject to availability.



Brynteg School Council meet the Mayor of Bridgend.

News in and out of class at Brynteg Comprehensive



Year-9 attend the High Sheriff Awards.

Billy leads the way at Ysgol y Deri!



Billy receives his award.

A FORMER pupil of Ysgol Y Deri Special School has been presented with an award for his achievements in education.

Billy Laing was recognised by the Worshipful Livery Company of Wales in their annual Guild awards, for his achievements at the school and presented with a cheque for £250. Ysgol Y Deri caters for students aged between three and 19 with a range of learning and physical needs and autism. Billy began attending Ysgol Y Deri when it opened in 2014 and earned the accolade of being the school's first head boy.

He has also represented the school in many sporting activities such as swimming, having been a member of disabled swimming clubs since childhood. Now studying ICT at Bridgend College, Billy

returns to Ysgol Y Deri once a week on work experience as part of the ICT team. It is hoped that the award will help him in his transition from school to further education and access further courses such as multimedia.

Billy said: "I was surprised to be chosen for the award but felt very grateful." Chris Britten, head teacher at Ysgol Y Deri said: "Billy is a worthy recipient of this award. He is enjoying further education, building on the skills and experience he gained at Ysgol Y Deri. We are all very proud of him".

The Worshipful Livery Company was established to promote education, arts, science and technology and develop the talents of young people throughout Wales. Billy was presented his award by Dr Kathy Seddon, the chair of the Welsh Association of Churchill Fellows.

BRYNTEG Comprehensive School Drama student Jessica Derrick represented Wales on March 8, travelling to London for the Shakespeare Speaking finals.

She performed her monologue on stage in the John Gielgud Theatre in London's West End and had a workshop with 24 other finalists from around the country.

An amazing and enjoyable day was had by all involved. Jessica has made Brynteg Comprehensive School very proud. Well done!

Brynteg School meets the Mayor

MEMBERS of Brynteg Comprehensive School Council visited the Mayor's chambers in Bridgend recently.

The school council were welcomed by Coun Richard Young, Mayor of Bridgend. Pupils visited the chamber where discussions and decisions about local politics affecting the Bridgend County are made.

The Mayor outlined the expectations of him as Mayor and his responsibility to maintain order throughout meetings, and to remain impartial in the decision making process.

Brynteg are fortunate to have this year's Youth Mayor in year-13 at Brynteg, Daniel Butlin meets with the Youth Council to discuss matters that affect the young people of Bridgend. These issues and comments are put forward to the general



Jessica Derrick, drama student.

council meetings. If anyone would like further information about the Youth Council in Bridgend, email: bridgendyouthcouncil@outlook.com.

Brynteg School Council had the opportunity to ask questions of the Mayor, and it was interesting to hear of the challenges that he and the local council face.

High Sheriff awards

ON March 3, pupils from year-9 in Brynteg Comprehensive School were invited to attend the High Sheriff Awards, to accept a prize for form class 9T's continued excellent contribution to the Santa Appeal.

They were delighted to attend with the Mayor of Bridgend and Coun Huw David to accept the prize of £150 and a certificate in recognition of their hard work.

The pupils were deserving winners, as for the last three years they have been the form class that has raised the most amount of money for the Santa Appeal. They are now busy deciding how best to spend their prize. Da iawn, 9T!

ROTARY CLUB RAMBLERS



A SLIGHTLY overcast morning soon gave way to a really sunny day for a local Rotary ramble, which started from the Jolly Sailor pub in Newton.

The route was down Beach Road, past St John's Well to the slipway onto Newton Beach and thereafter a long walk over sand, pebbles and some rock towards the Ogmore River.

President Alan Reeks led the walkers – Rotarians Edward Jones, Brian Roberts, Edgar Burt, Gwyn Thomas, John Ward, Phil Davies and Hopkin Joseph – into a strong easterly breeze.

A trio remained 'on guard' halfway along the beach, sitting on a rather large log, while the others in the party made it to the Ogmore River.

The return journey was initially back over the sand, but then a diversion inland took the walkers to the former rifle range below Happy Valley, with the return from there (with little wind in the dunes so a much higher temperature) past some of the Newton Burrows houses to Beach Road.

The sight of the Jolly Sailor was welcome, as was a drink and some food!

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FARMERS' MARKET

THE next Farmers' Market at Porthcawl is on Saturday, March 26 at the usual venue at Awel y Mor community hall in Porthcawl from 9.30am – 12.30pm.

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Volunteers walk over hot coals for Cats Protection!



Katie Edward, vet nurse.

A FIREWALK held at Cats Protection's Bridgend Adoption Centre has raised over £6,600 for the charity.

The event, held on March 19 at the centre was a great success, with 33 fearless cat lovers hot-footing it barefoot across a bed of red hot coals, smouldering at 426 Celsius. The fire walkers had a training session with Cliff Mann, a leading fire walking instructor, before braving the coals.

Eleanor Silver, cat care assistant, said: "I found the training to be very motivating and it really helped build my confidence. Facing the coals was terrifying, but I am really glad I did it, and was able to help raise so much money to care for the unwanted cats and kittens at the centre".

Among the many spectators who came to watch the event was the Deputy Mayor of Bridgend Coun Reg Jenkins and his consort Mrs Teresa Jenkins. He



Treena Howe.

said: "Teresa and I had a wonderful welcome and time at the CPL fire walk on Saturday. We were delighted to see such a huge crowd there, all supporting the vital work which the CPL does. We were so pleased to hear that a number of cats were reserved by Sunday. "We look forward to greeting more 'cat friends' at next year's fire walk! In the meantime, we continue to support the League and thank the staff and volunteers for all their hard work.

In and out of class at the Porthcawl Comprehensive

AS we head towards our Easter break, we are reflecting on a very busy and action packed term here at PCS.

The sixth form, in particular, have had an exceptionally full timetable of events and just last week, hosted a 'UN Debate' for the Welsh Baccalaureate, which involved role playing as 17 different UN countries, hotly debating the migration crisis in the middle-east.

Last week potential Oxbridge candidates from year-12 attended a student conference in Swansea and 25 pupils will take part in a taster day at Trinity College, Oxford, at the start of the summer term.

With continued emphasis on studies in the sixth form, we are also keen to broaden the pupils' education as much as possible during their time with us. Earlier in the year, we were fortunate to be joined by the Royal Marines and staff from 'Adventures' for a team building day to prepare pupils for future challenges.

At our recent presentation, among many other celebrations, we were thrilled to recognise the

achievement of 29 pupils gaining their Silver Duke of Edinburgh awards.

PCS regularly hosts guest speakers from all aspects of life to enrich the curriculum and talk about anything from university choices, internet safety and awareness, middle-eastern affairs, student finance, entrepreneurship workshops and apprenticeships.

Recent visitors have included 'Go Rookie', Madeleine Moon MP, Carwyn Jones AM, Lord Tuhig, and a medical student (past pupil) who came to talk to interested pupils about getting into medical school.

We continue to be extremely community-spirited at PCS and over 200 pupils are involved in the community action scheme which sees them contributing their free time to working within our local area.

Pupils recently sent 375 sweet parcels to the street children in Romania and also collected hundreds of Easter eggs for the same cause.

This is in addition to pupils raising in the region of £5,000 this year alone during charities week, and by holding a Christmas jumper day. NE



Winning senior debating team, Bridgend YFC.

Young Farmers compete in public speaking event



Situations Vacant winner, Beth Granville.

GLAMORGAN Young Farmers' Club recently held their second annual public speaking event ahead of the Wales YFC finals in April, at Pendoylan Church in Wales Primary School which saw members go head to head in competitions involving speaking in front of an audience.

The senior competition was a debate between teams of five representing their club.

This year's overall winning team were Bridgend YFC, followed by Wick YFC in second place and Neath YFC in third position.

The team selected to represent Glamorgan at the Wales finals on Saturday, April 2 was Kate Thomas (Maendy) as chairman; Evan Thomas (Wick) and Tabitha Anthony (Bridgend) proposing the motion; while Catrin Hill (Neath) and Evan Thomas (Bridgend) will be opposing the motion.

For information about Glamorgan Young Farmers Club email glamorgan@yfc-wales.org.uk or visit www.glamorganyfc.co.uk and follow @GlamorganYFC on Twitter, or 'like' the GlamorganYFC page on Facebook for regular updates.

Cor Bro Ogwr's Mainly Mozart

MOZART'S Requiem Mass, loved by audiences and choristers alike, forms the centrepiece of Cor Bro Ogwr's spring concert.

This, his last piece, left unfinished at his death, was completed by one of his students, Franz Sussmayer. We will also be singing two more well known Mozart works; *Laudate Dominum* and *Ave Verum Corpus*. Haydn's *Te Deum*, a fast and joyful work, will provide quite a contrast. Completing the choral programme will be two Welsh songs.

Our four soloists will be well known to our regular audience goers. They will be continuing the Mozart theme, singing arias from operas and songs.

Spring concert April 9 at 7pm (note early start) at All Saints' Church, Porthcawl. Tickets £10 at the door, or on 01656 653326; www.cor-bro-ogwr.com.

DOMINIQUE SPEAREY

EASTER COLLECTION

RECYCLING and waste collections in Bridgend county borough will be as normal on Good Friday, but there won't be any collections on Monday, March 28 so collections will be one day later than usual for the remainder of that week, up until Saturday, April 2.

Residents can register now for BCBC's green waste collection service which is returning this spring. Fortnightly collections will make it possible to recycle green waste including plants, flowers, weeds, grass, leaves and hedge clippings.

The service will run during the main growing season between Monday, April 4 and the end of October. Residents can sign up to the service for a one-off payment of £27 per household, with a discounted rate of £23 for pensioners.

Porthcawl RFC news round-up

PORTHCAWL RFC defeated Rumney 12-2, while the under-9s were involved in a tournament along with Taibach, Cwmgorrs, Bryncoch and Ystradgynlais and had a great day.

The under-11s were 55-5 winners against Kenfig Hill, and the under-17s won 21-12 against Pencoe.

UNDER-10S - PORTHCAWL RFC 55, RUMNEY 35
A grey cold morning with no sign of the spring sun at South Road.

We have had some

good games down the years with Rumney who play the game with a very positive attitude and keen regard for the rules.

The opening encounters were a harp back to our good old days of tag where you scored then they scored, you, them and so it went on and the score at half-time was 6-6.

The second half belonged to Porthcawl, who dominated the breakdown, slowed or stopped their runners and offloaded as well as we have done all season.

With a return on our efforts of five tries to their one, Porthcawl were just too hot to handle right across the park and worthy of the win. JP

LOCAL WI HAS A FASHION DEMO



A John Lewis advisor in one of her outfits.

AT the March meeting of Colwinston and Llyswoerney WI, fashion advisors from John Lewis showed members what to wear and how to wear it.

They give free advice in the store and brought along a few outfits, demonstrated ways of tying scarves, how to make use of one sarong in new ways, and gave a fashion show of spring items.

President Liz reminded everyone of the AGM in April and asked for volunteers for the committee. She also asked for names to go to the Federation meeting in Port Talbot in May. Six members will form a group to perform a sketch in the village cabaret show in May.

Go to the **Bridgend & Porthcawl GEM** for the latest stories and breaking news

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WILDFLOWER BALL AT HENSOL CASTLE IS HELD IN LOVING MEMORY OF HELEN

THE majestic Hensol Castle was venue for the much anticipated Wildflower Ball on March 11, raising funds for Velindre Cancer Centre.

The event marked the 40th birthday of Mrs Helen Phillips of Ystradowen, a date that she would have shared with her twin sister Mrs Kay Collingridge of Welsh St Donats.

The 'Wildflower Ball' was conceived and organised by Helen's family, who lost her brave battle with cancer in September 2014.

A guest list of 500 people, predominantly from the Cowbridge and Vale area, but with guests travelling from all over the UK and as far away as Boston Massachusetts, filled three dance floors as they danced to live music provided by ten-piece funk soul and blues band 'Joey the Lips'.

Numerous local and national businesses and sporting celebrities moved by Helen's story, have kindly donated many fabulous gifts in support of the 'Wildflower Ball' that there wasn't enough time to auction all of them on the night.

An online auction is planned later in the year, to raise further funds for Velindre Cancer Centre.

Early estimates suggest total funds raised from the Ball for Velindre already exceed £22,000 – topping up sums raised for Velindre last year by Helen's husband Nic Phillips and daughters Alys (12) and Izzy (9) when Nic completed 15 gruelling hours of the ultimate challenge 'IronMan Wales' comprising a 2.4 mile swim, a 112 mile bike ride and then a full 26.2 mile marathon through the steep hills of Tenby.

With brothers-in-law Paul Collingridge and Philip Thomas, Nic is now preparing to cycle the Rocky Mountains later this year raising further funds and awareness for cancer research and support.

Helen's family would like to offer sincere thanks to the Vale Hotel and the team at Hensol Castle and to all the local businesses whose donations and support made the event possible.

Michael Locke of Velindre Fundraising thanked all organisers and supporters commenting that everyone involved did a remarkable job to organise such an amazing event.

Nic Phillips' fundraising page is: <https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/nicholasphillips1>; Velindre website, www.velindrefundraising.com.



William Thomas, Kate Thomas, Cheryl Thomas, Rebecca Thomas and Philip Thomas.



ABOVE and BELOW: Helen Phillips



Ian Williams, Lynda Williams, Sean Williams, Steffi Colyer, Rhian Williams and Nick Kanbi.



Hannah Starling, David Thomas and Cheryl Thomas.



Isabel Graham, Vanessa Johns-Powell, Sian Locke, Dan Stewart and Gemma Payne.



Alys Phillips, Nic Phillips and Izzy Phillips



Ffion and Isabel.



Wayne Locke, George Locke (rear), Charlie Locke, Sian Locke and Harry Locke.

An amazing event, with more than 500 people – some from across the globe – raised more than £22,000!



Paul and Kay Collingridge.



LOCAL SCHOOL DONATES 250 EASTER EGGS TO TY HAFAN



Going the EGGStra mile for Ty Hafan.

PUPILS and staff at St Clare's, Porthcawl, have donated more than 250 Easter eggs, books and toys for the sick children at Ty Hafan, Wales' first children's hospice for life-limited children and their families at Sully, Vale of Glamorgan.

The Ty Hafan appeal at St Clare's was organised by year-10 pupils who belong to the school branch of Rotary called Interact Club.

Liz Lougher, a senior teacher at St Clare's, said: "We are really proud of our Interact Club pupils. They develop very useful life skills in being active members of the local community."

To find out more about how you can support the charity, go to www.tyhafan.org.

'Sing With Us' choir wins mayor's award for citizenship

TENOVUS Cancer Care is "delighted" that its Sing with Us Bridgend Choir has won the Mayor of Bridgend's Citizenship Group Award.

The choir, which opened its doors in 2013 and is made up entirely of cancer patients and their loved ones, was presented with the award at a ceremony on March 18.

Diane Raybould, who was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2010 and lost her daughter to the same disease, sings in the choir with her husband Brian.

She said: "I'm so proud to have represented the Tenovus Cancer Care Sing with Us Choir at the Citizenship Awards."

"It was wonderful to see the amazing work of our volunteers recognised and that our choir was up there with the best!"

"I've been part of Tenovus Cancer Care's Sing with Us choirs from the very beginning. The choir is a family, simple as that."

"You don't have to talk about cancer or your loss, but if you do want to - you know that everyone there will understand."

"Having cancer and

losing someone to cancer can be very isolating. With the choir, you can share experiences openly and that is hugely important."

The annual awards recognise the contributions of community-minded people living and working in Bridgend County Borough.

They receive dozens of nominations and are the best community-focused groups and individuals receive the prestigious prize.

Tenovus Cancer Care's Sing with Us Bridgend Choir Leader Ruth Morris said: "I'm so proud of our wonderful choristers! They're an amazing, inclusive group and to win the Mayor's Citizenship Group Award is a just reward for all their hard work."

To find out more about the Tenovus Cancer Care Sing with Us choirs,

visit www.tenovuscancercare.org.uk/how-we-can-help-you/sing-with-us/

If you or someone you love has been affected by cancer, Tenovus Cancer Care can offer help and support.

The Tenovus Cancer Care Free Support Line is open 365 days a year from 8am-8pm. Call them on 0808 808 1010.



MP's praise for primary school's Platinum award

BRIDGEND MP Madeleine Moon visited Porthcawl Primary School last week to meet head teacher Andrew Wood and pupils in year-6.

The school had a good Estyn inspection report last year and has been awarded a Platinum Eco Award and Achievement for All mark.

The MP said: "The pupils of year-6 were very lively and inquisitive about my job as a Member of Parliament and asked very searching questions about 'in or out' of the EU, Sunday trading, rugby tackles for under-16s and votes for 16-year-olds, among many others."

"I met the Porthcawl Power Formula 1 team at the end of the session who showed me their Formula 1 car and a portfolio of their work designing, constructing and racing the fastest Formula 1 car."

"This challenge raises the awareness of STEM in schools, offering a way to learn science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM)-

related subjects in an exciting way, and is achieving great results"

"Porthcawl Power had taken part in the south Wales finals on March 4 and had come second with their F1 car. They were very excited about their success and looking forward to competing in Coventry in June against the best teams from England and Scotland."

"Their teacher Evan Richards said that all media coverage about the Porthcawl Power team and their bid to win the competition will earn more points for the team."

"So, everyone, please join me and spread the word - tweet, Facebook or 'like' this story on the newspaper's website and help them earn more points towards success in June."

Ace caller back to loud applause!

LAST month's social bingo in Cowbridge celebrated the fact that our Ace Caller answered our call, and returned after his operation to a round of applause!

His calls were as robust as ever! In the absence of Edwina, the Raffle Queen, the task was skillfully carried out by Jeannette and her granddaughter, Jordanne. The latter also won a prize (watch out Edwina!).

Our next session is on Thursday, April 7 in the

Lesser Hall of Cowbridge Town Hall promptly at 7.30pm with no entrance charge. There will be good prizes for the bingo and raffle.

Incidentally, do feel free to bring along any unwanted wedding or Christmas presents. The ladies will provide the usual succulent buffet, including cake you could die for!

Don't forget to bring your own wine, bingo dabber, and a few friends to share in our enjoyment.

Looking forward to seeing you on the night.

BASIL WATKINS

Porthcawl SHOUT Forum's thank you to Bridgend College

PORTHCAWL SHOUT Forum has said a big 'thank you' to Bridgend College and its art and design students who have given their time to help provide a significant memorial in Porthcawl to the victims of the Samtampa and Edward Prince of Wales disaster at Sker.

The tragedy occurred on April 23, 1947 and is the greatest loss of civilian life on the Welsh coast in modern times.

As Porthcawl is becoming the media library centre for coastal storm pictures, ironically there is no memorial on the seafront to tell residents or visitors the disaster story.

The result is that this incredible act of human endeavour by the Mumbles lifeboat crew to save the lives of 39

seamen in distress is now being forgotten.

This will continue unless we can gather help to commemorate the magnitude of the disaster and the unimaginable courage and valour shown by RNLI men, and now women, prepared to make the supreme sacrifice to save others.

The 7,200 ton Liberty ship was smashed onto the rocks at Sker Point by the ferocious hurricane force storm and then torn into three pieces; all hands on the ship were lost, together with the complete crew of the Mumbles lifeboat attempting to rescue them.

The disaster is now part of Porthcawl's sea heritage legacy, as 47 seamen died on our coast that afternoon in a brutal and terrifying sea.

Next year will be the 70th anniversary of the tragedy and as a voluntary group we are trying to honour those seamen with a fitting

memorial.

We have organised a major exhibition with the director of the National Museum Wales at the Waterfront Museum, Swansea, from April to June 2017; and have a PowerPoint presentation programme on the disaster for local community groups, schools and colleges.

We are indebted to our patron Carwyn Jones AM, Bridgend College principal Simon Pirote, artistic director Viv Buckley and arts lecturer Hilary Statts, for their great interest in the project and to the Bridgend and Neath Port Talbot students for talking part.

If anyone would like to become involved, or would like more details of the tragedy and its inspirational heroism, please contact me on 01656 783491.

GARY VICTOR
(Porthcawl SHOUT Forum)

Miracle baby Willow's parents give a boost to hospital's care unit



ABOVE: The Duffields are reunited with special care baby unit staff to see the new breast pump their donation paid for.

NEW mums at the special care baby unit of Princess of Wales Hospital have been given a helping hand by a grateful parents Leanne and Chris Duffield.

The couple from Llangeinor near Bridgend, said they were determined to do something for the unit that looked after Willow, the daughter they call their miracle baby.

Willow, who has just turned two, weighed just 2lb 6oz when she was born at Singleton Hospital in Swansea. Leanne had been admitted after her waters broke when she was 23 weeks pregnant.

She spent six weeks at the hospital before Willow, who is the youngest of the Duffields' five children, was born by emergency caesarean section.

After spending time at Singleton, Willow was transferred closer to home where she was looked after at PoW's special care baby unit before she was finally discharged and is now going from strength to strength.

Leanne said: "We wanted to do something to say thank you so organised a charity evening in Pontycymmer and Chris took part in the Swansea 10K. After spending so

many weeks there it was nice to be returning to Swansea for such a positive reason."

"He had never done anything like that before but we are planning to keep fundraising for the special care baby unit's family support group."

The couple, who raised £1,000, were joined by Willow when they returned to the unit to see the new breast pump their donation had paid for.

"We still go to support group meetings and we all got to know each other so well during our time there. After being in the unit I know how important these pumps are so we wanted to provide one to help other mothers breast feed successfully," she added.

Staff nurse Lisa Baker said: "The breast pumps are a valued resource for us, because all of the babies who spend time on the unit benefit from having some breast milk."

"In many cases, like Leanne's, expressing milk allows mothers to maintain their milk supply until their babies are strong enough to feed and help them establish breast feeding. We are so grateful to Leanne and Chris for their amazing donation!"

Bridgend county Mayor's Citizenship Awards celebrate the unsung heroes



ABOVE: Mayor Richard Young was proud to present the awards to some of Bridgend county borough's local heroes.



Ryan Wood from Maesteg.



Steve Tallis from the Military Preparation College in Bridgend.



Bridge FM DJ Lee Jukes receiving his award from the Mayor of Bridgend county borough, Coun Richard Young.



The youngest recipient of an award was Coleg Cymunedol Y Dderwen pupil Elle Edwards.

BRIDGEND DJ Lee Jukes has been awarded a Mayor's Citizenship Award for services to local charities.

The annual awards are organised by BCBC to honour outstanding volunteers, champion fundraisers and other individuals and groups that are making a positive impact on local communities.

Mayor of Bridgend county borough, Coun Richard Young, who presented the awards, said: "Each year, residents are asked to nominate those unsung heroes who go the extra mile and make a real difference in their communities.

The awards give us a chance to say thanks and give them the appreciation that they deserve. Congratulations to each and every winner."

Other winners: Penny Alford lives in a Pyle retirement housing complex with her husband, and has for many years helped the other older residents with their cleaning, cooking, washing, ironing and shopping. She is a lifeline to so many and even helps to drum up community spirit by running a weekly coffee morning and volunteering with the local gardening club.

Mickey Banks has been involved with the Caerau Bowls Club for 30 years, spending the last two decades as their secretary. Over that time, he has introduced hundreds of children to the sport of bowls, helping to produce three junior Welsh champions and one British indoor champion.

Patricia and John Bevan, and Clive and Gillian Finch are four of the longest-serving foster

carers in the county borough who deserve recognition for the way they have made a difference to dozens of children's lives, by providing stable and loving homes for them.

Debbie Bryn has reopened and revitalised the Wildmill Youth Club, helping young people to try new activities, improve their job prospects and grow into responsible and caring adults.

Elle Edwards: described as a 'truly remarkable young lady', this Coleg Cymunedol Y Dderwen student acts as the voice of her peers through her involvement in a number of school groups.

She also volunteers at a local community sports club for young children, helps elderly neighbours with their shopping and gardening tasks, and is a committed charity fundraiser.

Jean Humphreys: after losing her husband four years ago, Jean set up a fundraising group for Marie Curie in Porthcawl which has so far raised over £57,000, which equates to paying for 2,951 hours of nursing care for people living with a terminal illness. Jean has also highlighted the needs of carers across the country through her work with Carers UK.

Andrew James is the driving force behind Caerau Growers, a voluntary group that organises regular events to promote healthy eating in the local community, and the benefits of growing your own fruit and vegetables.

Helen Llewellyn is an outstanding ambassador for Bettws, and was honoured for her extensive volunteering at Bettws Primary School. Helen is ever-present at the school, always on

hand to support pupils and staff. She is someone who will always go that extra mile.

Patria Moore first became involved with Blaengarw Rugby Club when it was in a very dilapidated condition with no heating or water. Out of her own money, 'Tria' paid the water bill and repaired the heating, and from there she has been the bedrock for helping the club to thrive and be used by all ages in the local community.

Marjorie Nash: for more than 20 years, Heronsbridge School in Bridgend has been a large part of Marjorie's life. Her involvement has helped the school to establish itself as one of the most outstanding special needs schools in the UK.

Zoe Piper set up a support group for local families around three years ago, who are affected by ADHD. She works extremely hard to raise awareness and understanding of ADHD, providing activities so that children with ADHD can get together, feel comfortable, and not be judged.

Mark Rees is Maesteg's very own Mr Motivator; Mark has been a fitness instructor at Maesteg Sports centre for 23 years. He has boundless enthusiasm and teaches classes every day of the week. He was rewarded with a Mayor's Citizenship Award for the way he has inspired and helped all ages to keep fit and healthy over such a long period of time.

Ann Shillaker has devoted herself to sustained and selfless voluntary service in Porthcawl for over 20 years, and has been at the forefront of two of the county borough's leading carers charities which provide respite services.

Steve Tallis does a remarkable job at the Military Preparation College in Bridgend by helping young people on the path to a career in the Armed Forces. He goes well above the call of duty and his efforts are much appreciated by the local community.

Carl Tidball: as the voluntary leader of a Caerau based street dance group, Carl is inspiring over 100 young people to bust out their finest dance moves each week! The UDC dance group members enjoy regular success in competitions and this is down in no small part to Carl's efforts.

Brian Walters shows tremendous commitment to the Pumas Sports Club that provides multi-sports for people with a variety of learning difficulties. Brian's enthusiasm helps to get the best out of the club's members who compete in competitions including the Rotary Games.

Felicity Watkins picked up her award in honour of her excellent citizenship which includes being involved in the Solid Rock Youth Centre in Bridgend, running a junior reading group, and raising money for the Tyncoed Surgery in Sam.

Ryan Wood has been described as the life and soul of the music community in Maesteg – quite some feat when you consider the musical talent that is in abundance in the Llynfi Valley. He founded the Noteworthy mixed voice choir that is celebrating its tenth anniversary this year, and he has played an integral role in a vast number of local events.

Maesteg Children's Choir recently celebrated its 30th anniversary, and during that time it has

given nearly 400 young people aged from eight to 18 the chance to harness the power of music and song.

With each performance the choir makes an outstanding contribution to the local community, and means so much to so many people.

Noddffa Kids Club: a group of volunteers who run a club for children aged from five to 11 in Caerau. Around 40 youngsters attend each week and are able to enjoy a range of activities that help with their personal, social and educational development.

Ogmore Valley PRIDE: from digging community gardens to weekly litter picking and cooking Christmas dinners for the elderly, this small group of volunteers work tirelessly and are wonderful ambassadors for the Ogmore Valley.

Tenovus Cancer Care 'Sing with us' Bridgend choir, now in its third year, is making a huge impact locally, not just by being prolific fundraisers to help continue the vital Tenovus services, but by providing a fun supportive environment for cancer patients and their families to get together and sing each week.



ABOVE: The Tenovus Cancer Care 'Sing With Us' Bridgend choir representatives.



LEFT: Ann Shillaker and Jean Humphreys.

BELOW: There were four winners from Caerau – Mickey Banks, Andrew James, Carl Tidball and the Noddffa Kids Club.



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Friends help Marie Curie with a Costa Rica trek



ON April 1, Helene Cook, Gemma Evans, Jackie Urwin and Lisa Taylor are trekking through Costa Rica with an organised group raising money for the Marie Curie charity's hospice in Penarth.

Helene, Gemma and Lisa are from Barry and Jackie is from Cowbridge.

Helene explained: "Our inspiration and motivation for this was the passing of my husband, Adrian Cook, who lost a very short brave battle in February 2015 to metastatic melanoma.

"He spent his last days with the team at Holme Tower, where we both received care and support that was second to none.

"The hospice relies on donations to continue its incredible work, and we'd like to thank all of our friends and families for the overwhelming generosity we have received with our fundraising efforts, not just in money but with time and support.

"We are pleased to say that our total is heading towards £16,000. If you would like to donate to this cause, my just giving page is www.justgiving.com/Helene-Cook."

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'Shock collars are cruel training devices'

DOGS TRUST, the UK's largest dog welfare charity, has welcomed the Welsh Government's decision to retain legislation outlawing the use of electric shock collars in Wales.

The charity, which has a rehoming centre in Bridgend, says it is delighted that the Welsh Government commissioned a review of existing 2010 Electronic Collars Regulations upheld the

existing ban on the use of electric shock collars and electronic fencing systems for dogs - deeming the latter a clear welfare concern.

Sian Edwards, Dogs Trust education and community manager in Wales, commented: "We are so relieved that the Welsh government have responded appropriately following evidence presented in an independent scientific review, and hope that England, Northern Ireland and Scotland will follow suit and ban these cruel training devices."

SAMSON IS A REAL SOFTIE!

STAFF at Dogs Trust Bridgend are appealing to dog loving rugby fans to find a home for a sweet natured Staffie named after Samson Lee due to his striking similarity to the sturdy Welsh prop!

But this is where similarities with the Scarlets prop end, as this laid back lad is far too chilled out to chase after a ball, instead preferring to cuddle up on the sofa and watch the game with a few doggy snacks.

Super Staffie Samson may look like a big tough dog, but that couldn't be further from the truth as this big softy loves his home comforts and looks forward to a quiet snooze in front of the fire with his loving owners who will give him endless cuddles.

Eight year old Samson was handed into Dogs Trust Bridgend, through no fault of his own, when his owner was no longer able to care for him.

Linda Feagan, Dogs

Trust Bridgend supporter relations officer, said: "Samson is a real cuddle monster, who is really missing his home comforts, so we really hope he finds the loving home he deserves. He is a super character and we adore this chilled out boy at the Rehoming Centre.

"He would rather watch you fetch a rugby ball than pick it up himself, but would make a very affectionate family member for a lucky owner. Samson is a gentle dog, who can live with children as young as 11.

"We are appealing for Welsh dog lovers to help him find a home so he can scrum down on the sofa with a new owner and watch his namesake play!"

Samson's favourite music? Mahler's Symphony No 1, of course.

If you are interested in rehoming a dog, contact Dogs Trust Bridgend on 0300 303 0292 or visit our website at <http://www.dogstrust.org.uk>.

Mind, Body, Soul event

Souls Awakening hosts a Mind, Body, Soul event on Saturday, March 26 from 10am-5pm at the Paget Rooms, Victoria Road, Penarth featuring holistic therapies, crystals, aura photography, jewellery, gifts, arts and crafts, psychic and spiritual art, natural cosmetics and health, Reiki, crystal healing, south therapy plus a raffle.

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THE VALE RESORT SCOOPS THIRD NATIONAL AWARD FOR CUSTOMER SERVICE

THE health and leisure club team at the Vale Resort in Hensol, has triumphed at the 59Club Service Excellence Awards, having been named among the best in the industry for customer service for the second year in a row.

The team were named Leisure Membership Sales Team 2015 at the annual ceremony – the third time it has won the award in four years.

The Vale Resort was one of five resorts shortlisted in the category, and was competing against both UK-based and international resorts. It won the prize ahead of two five-star destinations, the Celtic Manor Resort and Stoke Park, as well as a spa boutique in the Lake District, and a golf resort in Dubai.

The event, hosted by talkSPORT presenter

Georgie Bingham, saw 22 awards given out to reward top golf venues across the UK, taking into account all business elements.

Founded in 2007, the 59Club measures performance from golf and leisure resorts on a number of factors, including thorough 'mystery shopping' visits.

Joanna Church, leisure operations manager at the Vale Resort, received the accolade at the Service Excellence Awards ceremony, held at the Forest of Arden Marriott Hotel and Country Club.

She said: "We're absolutely delighted to win, as it's the third time in four years that we've received this title."

"It's a massive achievement for the team, as every single staff member has contributed, and proves our commitment to providing an exemplary service to our customers."



Be a part of the 'Ask the Leader' debates

FOR the first time, ahead of May's National Assembly election, BBC Wales will be hosting five Ask the Leader debates, over five nights in April, where leaders of the five main parties in Wales will take questions from a studio audience.

The debates will be broadcast live on BBC One Wales at 7pm each night.

BBC Wales is inviting viewers to be part of the programme audiences in Swansea, Aberystwyth and Llangollen.

Bethan Rhys-Roberts, presenter of Ask the Leader debates, explained: "The audiences will play a

crucial role in holding the politicians to account and I'll be seeking answers to their questions. As the campaign gathers pace, I'm looking forward to hearing what really concerns people across Wales and what the five leaders – Carwyn Jones for Welsh Labour, Andrew RT Davies for the Welsh Conservatives, Plaid Cymru's Leanne Wood, Kirsty Williams from the Welsh Liberal Democrats and UKIP Wales's Nathan Gill have to say for themselves."

Viewers can apply to be in the audience by emailing asktheleader@bbc.co.uk or by calling 03703 500 700 (weekdays 9.30am to 7.30pm).

THE MINERS' MUSEUM IS STILL OPEN!

SOUTH Wales Miners' Museum is still open, although some people were

under the mistaken impression it had closed.

Volunteer Catherine Linnie-Godden explained: "Last year Neath Port Talbot Council decided to put the reception and the café out to tender."

"They failed to mention that the museum will still be open and the café will continue to sell hot drinks and sandwiches."

"This means the public have been under the impression that the museum was closing down. This is not the case. The museum will be open for many more years and is currently pursuing new and exciting projects."

"We have many people coming from Bridgend, Porthcawl, Cowbridge, Cardiff and even families from all over England and overseas coming to the museum to learn more about the Afan and Llynfi Valley Heritage, and want to put an end to these rumours."

'Hospice at Home' plan is launched

A NEW integrated partnership service aims to transform end-of-life care for people in Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan.

The Cardiff and the Vale Marie Curie hospice at home service will be co-ordinated by Marie Curie, and will see the charity work with Cardiff and Vale University Health Board to provide flexible, planned care for patients.

The new initiative, supported by new investment from Welsh Government, will see

Marie Curie healthcare assistants, supported by senior nurses, working alongside district nurses to provide a flexible, integrated service for people throughout Cardiff and the Vale.

The main aim of this new service is to make it possible for more people to be cared for and die a dignified death in their own home where this is their preference. It will also reduce avoidable admissions at a difficult and distressing time for patients and their families.

Andrew Wilson-Mouasher, divisional general manager for Marie Curie in Wales, said: "We are delighted to be working alongside Cardiff and the Vale University Health Board to deliver the new Cardiff and the Vale Marie Curie Hospice at Home service."

"Allowing people at the end of their life to have choice over where they want to die, putting support in place to enable them to do that, is vitally important. This new service means that we will be better placed to deliver a service that really meets the needs of our patients."

Kay Jaynes, Interim Director of Nursing, PCIC Clinical Board at Cardiff and Vale University Health Board, said: "This partnership

with Marie Curie is a huge step forward in our mission to provide excellent end of life care to patients."

"This service will provide care at home to some of our most vulnerable patients through an additional, specially trained and dedicated team."

"It means patients who wish to remain at home will be supported, and receive appropriate care suitable for their individual needs in collaboration with District Nurse teams, GPs and Specialist Palliative Care teams from Marie Curie and George Thomas Hospice Care."

Minister for Health and Social Services, Mark Drakeford, said: "This new service is an example of how partnership working can benefit individuals, families and carers at what can be a difficult time."

"I am pleased the Welsh Government is supporting this service as part of our £900,000 investment to expand hospice at home services across Wales."

For more information about the services offered by Marie Curie, the UK's leading terminal illness charity, visit www.mariecurie.org.uk.

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New organ donation system has saved lives

FIFTEEN people donated their organs in the first two months after a new soft opt-out system for organ donation was introduced in Wales, new figures released today show.

Health and Social Services Minister Mark Drakeford has urged families in Wales to continue talking about their organ donation decisions.

The figures show that of the 15 people who donated their organs during December 2015 and January 2016, six had their consent deemed because they had not registered a decision to either opt in or opt out of becoming an organ donor.

Professor Drakeford said: "In the first two months, 15 people in Wales have donated their organs, six of whom had their consent deemed."

"The change in the organ donation system has made it easier for people to donate their organs and ended a very anxious wait for many people who are waiting for a transplant."

"However, it is important for everyone in Wales to talk to their loved ones about their organ donation decisions and to register it – whether it is to opt in or out – on the organ donation register."

"Sharing your decision with your family and loved ones can help in the rare event that your family should ever have a conversation about organ donation with healthcare professionals."

Since 2010, more than 150 people in Wales have died while waiting for an organ transplant. The new system, which came into effect on December 1, 2015, has

been designed to make it for people to become an organ donor, and reflects what the majority of people in Wales say they want.

Nine out of 10 people in Wales support organ donation but only three out of 10 people have recorded a decision on the organ donor register. The new system could help increase the number of donors in Wales by 25 per cent and save or transform the lives of around 45 people each year.

The new system – known as soft opt out or deemed consent – allows people who want to be an organ donor to either register a decision to opt in or do nothing.

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Canon Edwin Counsell, the Archbishop, Canon Viv Parkinson, Canon Martyn Davies (left to right front), Rev Dr Mark Dimond, the Archbishop's chaplain (behind).

Three new Canons are installed by Archbishop at Llandaff

A PRIEST who oversees the education work of the Church in Wales is among three clerics who have been recognised with a church honour.

Canon Edwin Counsell has been made a Chapter Canon of the stall of St Nicholas at Llandaff Cathedral by the Archbishop of Wales, Dr Barry Morgan. He was installed at a special service at the cathedral on Monday (March 14).

The two other clerics to be recognised for their work were Rev Martyn Davies and Rev Vivian Parkinson, who have been made Honorary Canons.

The Archbishop said: "These three priests have given long and faithful service to the Church in Wales and I am delighted to be able to recognise their work. All are highly regarded by their colleagues and I know they will contribute greatly to the life and

ministry of Llandaff Cathedral."

Canon Counsell, who was made an Honorary Canon two years ago, is the Diocesan director of education, the provincial advisor on education and also a priest in the east Vale group of parishes.

He said, "Being made a Canon of the cathedral is very special. It means that I can contribute to the wider life of the Diocese through our cathedral church and, perhaps, give something back to the diocese for the excellent adventure of the last three decades."

"These days, the core of my work is in church schools and I reckon this is what God had in mind when he poked and prodded me into this job, all those years ago. I've worked in and around church schools for the last 30 years. In my current role, I have oversight of church school provision in the Llandaff diocese and across Wales,

supporting six education teams around the country and heading the liaison between the Church in Wales and local and national government."

Canon Davies, who is Area Dean of the Vale of Glamorgan, said: "I feel very humbled to be asked to become an Honorary Canon at Llandaff Cathedral. The cathedral at Llandaff has been a special place for me, as it was where I was ordained underneath the feet of Epstein's Majestas, Christ in Majesty. Having served in a variety of parishes within this diocese over the past 31 years, I'm very fortunate to have always had the support of my wife, Julie."

Canon Parkinson has been Vicar of Llantrisant since 1997 and is also the vocations advisor for Morgannwg. The church hall in Llantrisant recently underwent a £150,000 makeover and is now used by an increasing number of community groups.

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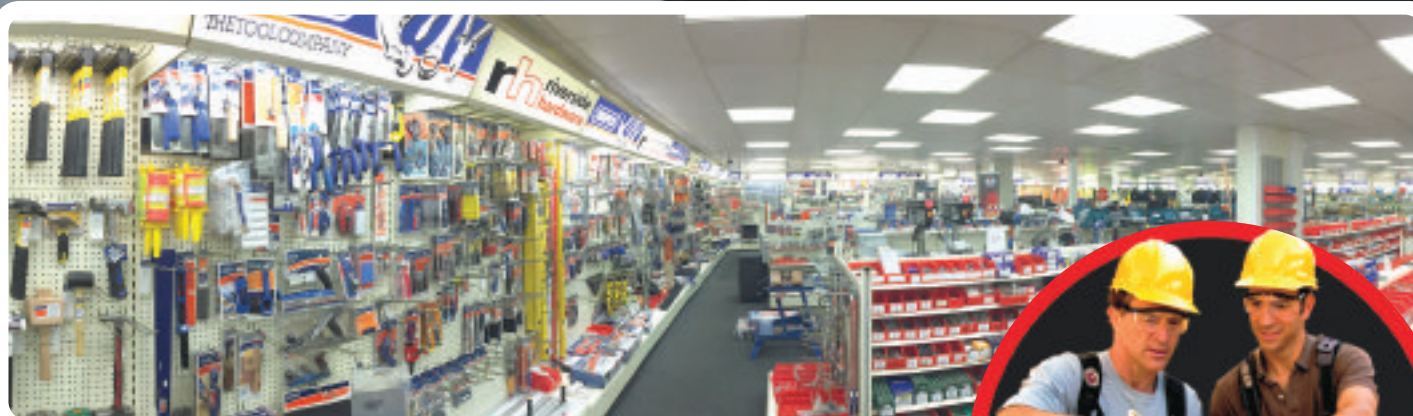


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The steam locomotive will run on Easter Sunday and vintage diesel trains on Good Friday, Easter Saturday and Easter Monday. The cafe will be open on all four days and there is a model show at the station on Sunday.

What's on and where in your area

Rhoose History Society

THE society's monthly meeting is on Friday, March 25 at 7.30pm in the lesser hall of Rhoose Community Hall, Stewart Road, Rhoose.

This month, David Salter will speak on 'What the Postman Saw - the development of picture postcards from 1894 to present'.

Easter at St Lawrence

THE old former Church of St Lawrence at Fort Road, Lavernock, will host an Easter service on Sunday, March 27 at 3pm.

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Any enquiries to 029

20701303.

Valeways guided walks

ON Tuesday, March 29, the Coffee Shop Strollers meet at 2.30pm at Llantwit Major town hall car park.

On Wednesday, March 30 they meet again at 10.30am at Cosmeston Country Park visitor centre.

On Thursday, March 31 at 10am - To the Woods!

Meet at the Sportsman's Rest pub in Peterston Super Ely.

An evening with the author

GRIFFIN Books, Penarth will host author **Hattie Holden Edmonds** at the shop's next late night shopping evening on March 31.

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St Donats arts

AN exhibition of joyful, modern, colourful artwork by **Peter Millis** can be seen at **St Donats Arts Centre** between April 5 and May 2, with an evening viewing and reception on April 23 between 5.30pm - 7pm.

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Easter activities at Barry Library

LITERARY Bunny Hunt throughout the Easter holidays, please ask at the desk for more information.

Week 1: Tuesday, March 29 - Drop in Easter craft activities from 10am - 12pm for children aged four plus, children must be accompanied by an adult. There will be a £1 charge.

Wednesday, March 30 - Storytime, 2pm. Thursday, March 31 - Minecraft, 2pm-4pm, book online at www.milittlepad.com.

Week 2: Monday, April 4 - Dungeons and Dragons, for children aged nine to 12. Wednesday, April 6 - Storytime, 2pm.

Thursday, April 7 - Minecraft, 2pm - 4pm, book online at www.milittlepad.com.

Friday, April 8 - Crafty Friday, 10.30am-11.30pm for children six+, call 01446 422425 to book a place, there

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Friday, April 8 - Raspberry Pi, 2pm-4pm, for children nine plus, book online on Eventbrite.

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Advance booking only on 029 2059 0813, tickets £35.

Summer courses are from 10am - 4pm on the following dates: May 14, June 18, July 9, July 23, August 13.

For information about autumn classes and other Dyffryn Gardens events, visit the website at www.nationaltrust.org.uk/dyffryngardens.

Dancers sought

VALE Jazz organisers are looking for dancers to take part in the planned festival in and around Barry Island on May 20 - 22, subject to funding approval.

Festival chair, Gemma Collard, said: "If you have a team who are interested, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me."

Gemma can be contacted via email at geyaro@sky.com.

Eisteddfod appeal

THE National Urdd Eisteddfod, one of Europe's largest youth touring festivals, will be held in the county borough of Bridgend between May 29-June 3.

Local communities have been established to raise money for the festival.

One of the responsibilities of the local appeal committees is to organise a range of events to raise money for the eisteddfod.

The St Bride's Minor (Sam, Bryncethin and Abergarw) and Ynysawdre area have a target of £5,000.

If you are interested in being a part of the appeal committee, then please come along to a public meeting this

Thursday (March 24) at the Sarn Life Centre at 7pm.

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TENSE, TAUT AND GRIPPING... 10 Cloverfield Lane is a glorious delight

2008's CLOVERFIELD was a film that eschewed normal film marketing practices. Very little was known about the film (the first teaser trailer released didn't even give the title), which reinvigorated the found-footage genre and made for a hugely satisfying watch.

Rumours of sequels have rumbled in the years since, but *10 Cloverfield Lane* isn't a sequel per se – instead, according to producer JJ Abrams, it's a film that is a "blood relative of *Cloverfield*". It tells the story of Michelle (Mary Elizabeth Winstead), who is involved in a car crash and awakens in a bunker with Howard (John Goodman), who has built the bunker in the event of a global crisis.

He tells Michelle that an attack has taken place and, along with Emmett (John Gallagher Jr), the three of them are safe below ground. But Michelle soon starts to think that the greatest dangers may lie inside as well as outside...

The use of the name 'Cloverfield' on this film is both a blessing and a curse – a blessing because the name value should attract a wider audience than would normally turn out for what is, in essence, a low-budget post-apocalyptic thriller, and a curse because anyone expecting something stylistically similar to its 'blood relative' will feel slightly

shortchanged.

What *10 Cloverfield Lane* is, however, is a tense, taut and wholly gripping piece of work that will keep you on the edge of your seat, well-acted and keeping you guessing until the end credits unspool.

The inbuilt tension of creating a story built on mystery confined to a small area is marshalled incredibly well, the story drip-feeding you tidbits of information, morsels that are delivered with a hint of suspicion; is what we, the audience, and Michelle are told the truth or is it a carefully and elaborately arranged series of misdirections and mistruths? Just when you have a grasp of what is going on, the rug is not so much pulled but gently tugged, making you question what is unfolding.

It is an exercise in writing with clarity and economy – a puzzle piece of a script, pieces dropped in only to come into play later on, and it sits together excellently.

The film hangs on three excellent performances from the cast – Mary Elizabeth Winstead is one of those actors who just isn't in enough films, and here she is excellent as the audience's eyes and ears. Michelle could so easily be a victim, but she's an independent and resourceful heroine, the actress giving the character real steel and purpose, and Winstead shows why she is one of the most underrated actresses working today.



by
GARETH JAMIESON
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An actor who can't be accused of being underrated is John Goodman, but here he finds new gears as Howard – is he the saviour he proclaims to be or is he something more sinister? Goodman's

performance is superb, the barely-suppressed tension and anger of the character etched in his every movement, and as the story develops, and we find out more about the character, Goodman keeps tightening the coils.

The third party of the acting trio, John Gallagher Jr, doesn't have quite as much to work on as the other two, but he still delivers a beautiful turn as a foil to the machinations of the story – there's a hint that he may be more involved than we think – something Gallagher plays on beautifully throughout. This next paragraph

may be considered spoilerish for some, so if you have yet to see it then move past. Still here? Well, you may find some issue with the finale, one that is in keeping with its relation to *Cloverfield*, but one that, based on the rooted and psychologically heavy story that has gone before, jars ever so slightly – that isn't to say it isn't good, however, taking the story and shifting somewhere else entirely, it's just that it may be a little too much of a gear shift.

Okay, back with us? Welcome! Directed with a sense of confidence from first-time filmmaker Dan Trachtenberg, there is a skill to the slowly-building tension and Trachtenberg's ability to use the small location to maximum effect really adds to this in an impressive feature debut.

It's an outstanding

piece of work, whichever way you cut it, a film that isn't cut from the same cloth as its (sort of) progenitor, but one that carries just as much impact and intrigue, and may actually be a more rounded, engaging experience – *10 Cloverfield Lane* is a superb film.

VERDICT – An exercise in creating something dripping with tension that keeps you engrossed throughout, *10 Cloverfield Lane* is an excellent film. The trio of central performances are exceptional, the script is near-flawless and the whole affair is marshalled with real control by director Dan Trachtenberg – this is one of the most surprisingly superb films of the year so far. Essential viewing.

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *Room* (2016), *Alien* (1979).

Airline expands its services at Cardiff Airport

LOW-COST carrier Ryanair has announced it will operate a second weekly service to Tenerife from Cardiff, beginning this winter.

The extra flight to Tenerife South will depart on Thursdays to complement the existing Monday service and will go on sale in the next few days. The news is part of a wider announcement made by Ryanair confirming a major expansion that will connect more of its passengers to the Canary Islands due to an increase in demand.

Debra Barber, managing director and chief operating officer at Cardiff Airport, said: "Ryanair's decision to expand its network at Cardiff is a real demonstration of the airline's confidence in the Welsh market."

"The service has performed consistently since the route began in October 2014, and demand has continued to grow for more direct

flights to the Canary Islands, so it's great to see the airline responding."

Jose Antonio Espartero Alonso, sales and marketing manager at Ryanair, said: "We are delighted to

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NFU Ladies' news

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In 1962 when aged 15 her working life was so different to the age of mobile phones.

Mrs Kay Gay gave the vote of thanks and Mrs Marion Lewis won the raffle again!

The next meeting (as usual) is in Penlyn Hall on Tuesday, April 19 at 7.30pm. New members welcome.

Regarding the outing in May, we can go to a nudist colony near Bath, or a garden centre in Devizes on Wednesday, May 18! All details at the next meeting. RE

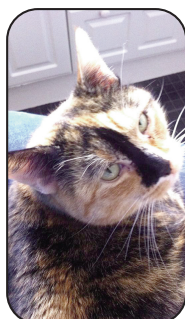
BEACH CLEAN

FRIENDS of Barry Beaches will hold their monthly beach clean on Easter Bank Holiday Monday, March 28 at the Knap beach.

Volunteers should meet at 3pm near the toilet block at the entrance to the car park.

Volunteers old and new are welcome.

'Please help me find my cat'



Has anyone
seen Harry?

MY cat – a seven-year-old female tortoiseshell by the name of Harry – managed to escape our new house in Cadoxton, Barry, while we were unloading the car on the night of Sunday, February 28.

We had thought she was inside sleeping, as I had just given her medicine for her urinary tract infection. It wasn't until morning that we realised she was gone.

We have traipsed the area and put posters up to try to reunite us with her, but there's been no luck so far. Harry is part of the family and we all miss her very much.

If anyone has seen her, can they please contact me so we can bring Harry home. You'll make me, my partner and my five-year-old daughter Lily very happy. We miss her dearly.
Laura Thomas, Cadoxton.
(Tel 07976 919014).

EMPLOYERS' FAIR AT ST DAVID'S COLLEGE

MORE than 250 students and their parents were able to meet some of the biggest employers in Wales at St David's Sixth Form College in Cardiff on March 15.

The college's second annual STEM careers event coincided with British Science Week 2016 and was attended by more than 60 employers – including GE Aviation, Admiral Insurance, the BBC, the NHS and South Wales Police.

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Vale has more dead bodies than Midsomer hidden among the hedgerows and walls!

HAVING studied old large-scale Ordnance Survey maps (25-inch to the mile) from the 1870s onwards – as one does on a rainy day in the library archives – it is quite amazing what details the surveyors considered as ‘notable landmarks’ when

trying to find your way about in the Fro.

A good example is a ‘Stump of Oak Tree’ in a field near Llwyn Du Farm, Ystradowen. I wonder if it is still there. But what about a pile of bones?

A ‘trip’ around the Vale by OS map reveals another bit of history beneath our feet, but not in church graveyards. A map of Col-huw beach records ‘Human remains found A.D. 1875’ (no doubt drowned – quite

possibly a sailor – enough ships foundered around our coastline back in the nineteenth century) – but on Dimlands Road (Llantwit Major) – ‘Human Remains found A.D. 1880’ – in a roadside wall?

Or likewise in 1861 in the Ysgubor Naw Erw barn buildings near St Donat’s. When people got knocked off years ago, they found their last resting place in the most unlikely places – in walls of houses, in field-side walls or even under flagstones of pubs.

There is plenty of lime around our district – ideal for subduing the stench of a decomposing corpse beneath your crib table.

Just above Cowbridge on Stalling Down, the OS Maps beam out ‘Battle between the English and Welsh – A.D. 1401’ – but oddly no bones found here – despite this being also the location of the local gallows!

But down in Moulton, another soul was found (only remains alas) in a hedgerow in 1864 – and prior to that, in 1856, another body was unearthed in a field across the road.

Later, in 1876, another skeleton was discovered in the ‘Castle Ditches’ in Cwm y Breach, Llancaiarn

Dark secrets unearthed by Brian Keitch

where, in 1850 a ‘sword and cannon ball’ were found.

Not far away, during the alteration of the buildings at Llanvithyn the skeleton of a man was found “built into the thickness of a wall”. Another unknown resident lay hidden just waiting to be discovered... one day.

But now to Cap Coch. The question is true or not? The New Inn Road between Ewenni and Merthyr Mawr takes one to the New Inn Bridge – used for dipping sheep and the like, but also, tradition has it, to dispose of bodies of victims of a character known as Cap Coch on account of the headwear he acquired apparently from Brittany around the time of the Napoleonic wars.

The bridge and country road were named after the New Inn (on some estate maps entitled New Inn House) when stood on the south side of the bridge.

Popular with travellers in the days of the mail and stage coaches, and various salesmen in foot or horseback, tradition has it that Cap Coch and his

cronies had a habit of murdering their guests, helping themselves to the victims’ possessions and beheading off to Bridgend to sell the belongings so obtained.

The story continues that the once the mail coaches were diverted through Bridgend town the New Inn lost much of its ‘custom’ and fell into dereliction. The arrival of the South Wales Railway in turn put paid to the mail and stagecoaches (within a week of the first train).

But strangely, many of the old coaching inns of the route to Cowbridge and Cardiff remain very much open for business to this day. Perhaps the ‘locals’ – if any (!) were put off by the odour emanating from the floor and walls?

Apparently, Cap Coch buried his victims under the flagstones of the pub after people started to ask questions about bodies being washed up along the Afon Ogwr. When that was full, the garden outside the New Inn began its new role as a cemetery and once that was full to the brim the nearby woods and field became the last resting

places of the unfortunate guests.

Possibly another reason for the demise of the hostelry was that the beer was a bit dodgy (most pub landlords back then brewed their own ale) – though it cannot have been for the lack of body. Hum.

The local legend continues that Cap Coch died at the age of 90 without ever having been apprehended – another account has it that he was hung on Stalling Down for stealing a sheep. The ‘true facts’ supposedly came to light when the dilapidated New Inn was finally demolished around 1900, when bodies galore were unearthed in the above mentioned places.

We know from early tithe and estate maps that the New Inn existed. But if the above was true there were plenty of newspapers in the Vale at the time to report the grim findings. One

would of thought that the local constabulary would have taken a passing interest – even if the events took place before the days of Sir Robert Peel.

Well, it’s a good old yarn (it would be a lot more believable if a bit of solid evidence came to light – a number of local historians and gurus on such matters inform us that it is a true story based on fact).

CJO Evans, in his *Glamorgan – its History and Topography* published back in 1938, states: “Several unpleasant stories are told of Cap Coch, probably all invented, and his descendants, still living at Bridgend, cannot feel too happy about their ancestor”.

Well, if that is true, Cap Coch had a real name which people of just a few generations back must have known! Anyway, if any GEM readers have any information that could

shed more light on the subject speak now! Alun Morgan wrote his novelette *Imm of Fear* on the subject, though (albeit supposedly based on fact) admits that most of the characters are fictional. If Cap Coch was hung there should be a record.

Back to GEM readers – folklore has it that (although there are no recognisable remains of the pub) there may well be victims and their booty still lying somewhere close to the New Inn to this day – undiscovered! Who knows what might actually be beneath your feet.

And those country lanes and their walls – maybe there is a spooky sound of a someone from an age ago begging for you to let them escape their unfortunate last resting place.

Next – What lies buried under the sand dunes around our coastline?

£1.5m for new Maggie’s cancer support centre

THE Welsh Government will provide £1.5m to help develop a new centre to provide care and support for cancer patients and their families in south-east Wales, it has been announced.

A new Maggie’s Centre will be built alongside the site of the proposed new Velindre Cancer Centre in Cardiff and will provide free, practical, emotional and

social support for people with cancer, their family and friends.

Maggie’s Centres are independent but work in partnership with the NHS and are based in hospital grounds so they are easily accessible to the largest possible number of people affected by cancer.

The first Maggie’s Centre in Wales opened in 2011 in the grounds of Singleton Hospital, in Swansea and was supported by £1.5m of match-funding from the Welsh Government.

Rotary’s Six Nations winner!

THE winner of Cowbridge in total and Trevor predicted 72 tries. *Rotary Club’s Six Nations charity competition was Trevor Evans of Bridgend.*

spokesman Andrew Lane said: “There were there were three entries who achieved 15 points out of a possible 17. The total try-count was the tie-breaker; 71 tries were scored for its kind support.”



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The modern dining area.

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homemade food floating through the air!

Co-owner Mark Tuck said: "The Six Bells is renowned for its great selection of award-winning cask ales which include ever changing guest ones. Particularly popular are those from a number of local 'micro breweries'."

"Alongside our beers we have a comprehensive list of wines, simply delectable by themselves or the perfect accompaniment to a relaxed evening meal."

"We have a wide range of award-winning

cask ales along with a fine selection of lagers and ciders, combined with a carefully selected menu of fine wines and a large choice of refreshing soft drinks.

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Mark explained: "We are listed in both the 'Good Beer Guide' as well as the 'Good Food Guide'. If you're not sure which ale to go for then just ask one of the team for some advice or a taster, they will happily oblige."

"People love the fact



The Six Bells in Penmark has a great reputation for its warm welcome and classic dishes.

that we are dog friendly, allowing them into the bar. We even have a range of dog treats and snacks available!

"If the sun is shining, customers can dine outside in the beer gardens. Being out in the country we have chickens and horses around the car park that children love to see."

"We have lots of events coming up throughout the year including a Neil Diamond Tribute Evening which is happening this summer in our marquee which is available to hire for weddings, parties and gala dinners."

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Things have changed at The Six Bells, Penmark with a major refurbishment of the restaurant and bar last year.

That hasn't diluted the classic attractions that make this pretty village inn a very classic Welsh pub – a friendly welcome, roaring log fires, a history that goes back to the 16th century and delicious home-cooked food.

Dining is high quality and traditional, with a reputation built on getting the pub classics just right. Locals love

the pub, but news is spreading, with a Trip Advisor certificate of excellence for 2014 and 2015. Great things are expected throughout 2016.

Fellow owner James Barnsley said: "Our restaurant menu is served from Tuesday to Saturday lunchtime 12noon to 2.30pm and in the evening from 6pm to 9pm offering a delicious selection of fresh home made dishes created from the finest local produce. Sunday lunch is served every week from 12noon until 4pm."

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"We have large, bright and colourful beer gardens which are the perfect place to enjoy the sunshine too!"

"A real family friendly pub, the kids will have great fun in the gardens and being out in the countryside they might even spot the local animals and wildlife."

The menu is home-made food and includes desserts which look impressive and taste amazing."

James added: "At The Six Bells Inn, we pride ourselves on our relaxed and friendly atmosphere, creating a homely and welcoming pub time and time again. Great Food, great drink, a great local!"

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On Easter Bank Holiday Monday, March 28, The Six Bells is holding a great fun Treasure Hunt – just turn up on the day, cars set off from 1pm.

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HAPPY FIRST BIRTHDAY AT VALE MODEL BOAT CLUB!

THE Vale Of Glamorgan Model Boat Club (VGMBC) was newly formed on March 27, last year.

Sailing from the Cold Knap Lake, Barry, on Tuesdays and Saturdays, 10am till 1pm, the club has rapidly grown to 55 registered members.

Open to all ages, a warm welcome will be given to all newcomers.

It was with great pleasure that we welcomed our first lady members Sandra Young and Alison Jennings.

Alison has the honour of being member number 50, that is not her age though – half that!

So to celebrate our first anniversary an evening was held at the Toby Carvery, Rhosce, and this was well attended with some 40 members and guests.

Each month the club holds a small free prize draw, but for our anniversary bash we

pushed the boat out (forgive the pun) and amassed an amazing 40 prizes for our free prize draw on the night.

We were amazed at the support we received from some major companies and businesses, MSC Cruises (UK) who have given eight places for a cruise ship guided tour with fine dining lunch; Cornwall Model Boats, The Component Shop, Spar Llantwit Major, and a very generous Ken Thompson, and many more.

We continue to receive sponsorship from Gary and Mandy Rogers at Graphics 2 Wrap (Llandow) for which we are very grateful.

One other very important supporter is our very own 'Biscuit Godmother', Dee Mollart of Llantwit Major who kindly supplies the members with biscuits, every week without fail.

So it was great to have Dee as our guest of honour on the



anniversary function.

Taking up model boating as a hobby has many aspects to it, some like to build a custom-made scale model, some will go for the challenge of sailing yachts on a nice breeze, and others may buy a ready to sail model.

It's good to see the ladies coming along and sailing with the club, and their enthusiasm is already catching; I won't mention too much about 'Sailing in The Pink Day', but the words 'tutu' and 'pink onesies' were

mentioned.

The club has been approached by the local Barry RNLI and we are pleased to be able to offer our support on the Lifeboat Day being held on Barry Waterfront on May 2, and future events are being planned.

So, if you would like more information why not pop along for a chat any Tuesday or Saturday morning or check out our website www.vgmbc.org or telephone 07790 590714.

Happy sailing!

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'Open Holton Road to the traffic' – call

A CALL has been made by an Independent Barry councillor to reopen the middle part of Holton Road to full vehicular traffic.

Coun Richard Bertin has called for the road in the heart of the shopping district to be reopened to provide a parking space boost.

"The Vale Council desperately needs to seek to provide more free parking to boost our struggling town centre. By reopening this section of road it would make it easier for people to park close to shops and support shops in Barry town centre," he argued.

Vale Ramblers' guided walk to welcome spring

THE first day of spring was marked by the Vale of Glamorgan Ramblers with a lovely walk at the Penllergare Valley Woods, a hidden gem just of the M4 to the north west of Swansea.

The walk was led by Leigh Forman, who as well as being a walk leader for the Ramblers, is also project coordinator based at the park.

It started at the car park, and we made our way to the equatorial observatory, a Scheduled Ancient Monument by CADW.

Where the mansion once stood is now a redundant office block, but there are plans for a residential area.

We crossed the River Llan to the eastbank, and were taken to taken to the area named Bluebell Wood, a managed area. We had a coffee stop at Gladys and George, two mineshafts that were part of the Tirdonkin mine that was closed in the 1920s.

The group continued past the lower lake which had been constructed in 1838, now popular with wildlife. Recently, otters and water voles have been spotted there, along with a variety of birds.

We made our way up to Nyddfwch, where the views were magnificent, well worth the climb.

Follow the Vale Ramblers on Facebook and Twitter, or visit website valeorglamorganrambler.s.co.uk.

GWENDA FITZPATRICK

Watch out for the Tigers

RADIO-controlled tanks will be on manoeuvres at Barry Island Railway Station on Easter Sunday when the South Wales Armour Group takes part in this year's 'Model Day' organised by the Barry at War Group.

Other displays will include scale model aircraft and trains, as well as radio controlled boats. Antics of Cardiff will have a stall selling models and modelling equipment.

The Barry War Museum will also be open between 10am and 4pm. There is

no charge for admission to the museum and to the show. Also, the Barry Tourist Railway trains will be running from March 25-28.

The Barry War Museum is open every Wednesday afternoon from 2pm-4pm. Our friendly guides would like to welcome you and show you around.

Further down the line, the Barry at War Group has begun planning the fifth Wartime Weekend to be held at Barry Island Station from September 3-4. Watch this space for more details.

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THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE ORDER, SECTION 16A ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 WORLD HALF MARATHON – PENARTH SATURDAY 26th MARCH 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Vale of Glamorgan Council have made an order under Section 16A Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as follows:-

WHEREAS during certain hours of the day and date specified in column 1 of the Schedule hereto the streets or part thereof listed in column 2 of the said Schedule will be used for the holding of a relevant event as described in Section 16(A)(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the Council, pursuant to the powers conferred by Section 16A of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 do **HEREBY ORDER AND DIRECT** in order to facilitate the holding of the event, enable members of the public to watch the said event and to reduce the disruption to traffic likely to be caused by the event the following regulation shall be observed:-

THAT, except as provided by the order, the said streets or parts thereof shall be closed to all vehicular traffic including pedal cycles **with the exception of Emergency Services Vehicles** between the hours specified in column 3 of the said schedule. The penalty for infringement of the said regulation is a fine not exceeding £1000.00.

Schedule 1

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Saturday 26th March 2016	<p>1/ A4055 – Cogan Spur (closed in both directions) from its junction with the A4160 Penarth Road in a north easterly direction to the county boundary.</p> <p>2/ A4160 – Windsor Road (Cogan Hill) closed in a south easterly direction from its junction with the A4055 Cogan Spur to its junction with Marconi Avenue, this will include the gyratory of the roundabout at Marconi Avenue, though it will still allow traffic to exit Penarth in a north westerly direction only.</p> <p>3/ A4160 – Penarth Road (closed in both directions) from its junction with the A4055 Cogan Spur/Barry Road in a generally north westerly direction to the county boundary with Cardiff at the river Ely.</p> <p>4/ A4055 – Barry Road from its junction with the A4160 Penarth Road in a generally south westerly direction to its junction with Penlan Road, at the Merrie Harrier junction Llandough (this road will only be closed to northeast bound traffic, this will allow traffic to exit from Penarth to the Merrie Harrier junction).</p> <p>5/ Llandough Hill (closed in both directions), from its junction with Penarth Road for a distance of approximately 210m in a generally westerly direction.</p> <p>6/ Marconi Avenue (closed in both directions), from its junction with the A4160 Windsor Road (Cogan Hill), to its junction with Terra Nova Way, this will include the gyratory of the roundabout at Terra Nova Way.</p>	12.30pm to 4.00pm

Signed diversions shall be in operation for traffic unable to use A4055 Cogan Spur/Barry Road and A4160 Penarth Road will be in place via the B4267 Penlan Road and Leckwith Road, due to a weak bridge at the bottom of Leckwith Hill this route will be unsuitable for vehicles over 7.5 tonnes (11 tonnes if they are a public service vehicle on a local route, Emergency Service vehicles, local Authority Highway Maintenance vehicles), larger vehicles will have to travel via the A4231 Barry Docks Link, and A4050 Port Road.

Dated this 24th day of March 2016

M. E. Punter
Director of Environment & Housing
Vale of Glamorgan Council
The Alps Wenvoe CF5 6AA



£155 raised for charities



SANTANDER in Holton Road, Barry, held a fundraising event last week, which raised £155 through customers purchasing raffle tickets and it will be split equally between Age UK and

Barnardo's, who are Santander's charities for the next three years.

The amount donated by customers will also be matched by Santander and prizes were donated by local companies.

Military charity in call for volunteers

SSAFA, the Armed Forces charity, has seen a 116 per cent increase in need for support from the mid Glamorgan Armed Forces community. To meet the increase new recruits are needed to join its dedicated volunteers.

A spokesman said: "The charity, whose network of volunteers support serving personnel, reservists, veterans and their families, has seen the number of individual home visits rise by 116 per cent between 2014 and 2015.

"SSAFA is the oldest national military charity in the UK, supporting 55,000 people in the Armed Forces

community each year. In the county, SSAFA has divisions in Bridgend, Cynon Valley, Merthyr and Rhondda and Taff Ely."

If you are interested in joining your local SSAFA team, contact SSAFA on 0845 658 1167 or visit www.ssafo.org.uk/newrecruits.

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Baker, Chair,
Nicola Douglas
Families in Action,
Gurjit Kaur, Lana
Gould, Natalie
Carter and
Santosh Kaur.

THE pioneering Atal y Fro organisation tackling violence against women and domestic abuse in the Vale of Glamorgan has won a prestigious new Grant Award of £1.5 million from the Welsh Government through the Sustainable Social Services Third Sector Grant scheme.

The Families Together project is being led in partnership with Family Action and will support 500 families over three years

using a prevention and early intervention approach.

Vale AM, Jane Hutt, met the group's chair and chief executive, staff team and Family Action and said how proud she was of their success in breaking new ground in the Vale.

"I am delighted the Minister for Health and Social Services, Mark Drakeford, has recognised the pioneering work of Atal y Fro with this new preventative approach to help identify the needs of families at an early stage when problems may be developing, to support families and those experiencing

domestic abuse, support parent/child relationships especially mothers and babies.

"Having helped to set up Women's Aid refuges in Wales I know there is still so much more we can learn about intervening early to prevent domestic abuse and particularly support children and families and I praise Atal y Fro for their dedicated commitment to their work to make the Vale a safer place especially for women and children," she added.

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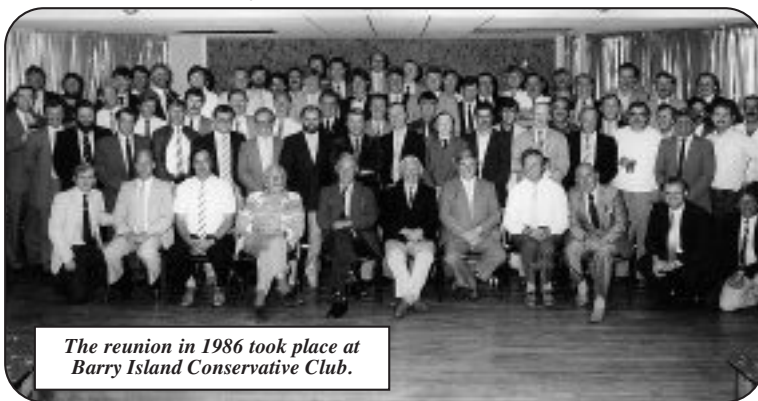
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'A GREAT CHANCE TO REMINISCE HAVE A BEER, AND A NATTER' Old Boys' reunion rides again!



Last year's reunion had a great turn-out.
Picture by ALEX MORTIMER-BROWN



The reunion in 1986 took place at
Barry Island Conservative Club.

ROMILLY Old Boys' 50th anniversary reunion is going to be held on Friday, April 8. Organiser Alan Kingdon told The GEM: "It's going to be a great opportunity to have a beer with old friends, reminisce and have a good natter."

The event is being held at Cadroxton Conservative Club, Weston Square, Barry, 7pm until late.

Tickets at £3 are available from Vic Hopkins (butchers) High Street, Barry; or by contacting Alan Kingdon on 01446 732203; or Clive Tapscott on 01446 743157.

Romilly Boys' School opened in 1906 and closed its doors in 1966.

As part of the celebration Romilly Old Boys plan to donate a 'best pupil' shield to Romilly Primary School, and are looking at helping the school with a PA system.

A 50th anniversary commemorative mug will also be produced.

The Romilly Old



Alan Kingdon who is helping to organise the special 50th reunion celebration

Boys' reunions (recent gatherings took place in 2013 and 2015) have been hugely successful. Last year, over 150 people attended.

Both former pupils and former members of staff are due to attend.

Alan said: "Last time we had people not just from south Wales, but from London, Scotland, west Wales and Northampton. One guy even flew in from Finland! It may be the last reunion as they take quite a bit to organise."

For more information, email: romillyoldboys@hotmail.com.



President Clare presenting the Cup to Mollie.

Mollie is a top volunteer!

EACH year, where justified, the president of Soroptimist International Barry and District presents a Cup to a student of Bryn Hafren Comprehensive School in recognition of outstanding voluntary work.

This year, the 20th recipient was Mollie Snell, a year-13 student. Mollie certainly met the criteria for the award because of her enthusiastic voluntary work in the community.

She has already received a Silver Millennium volunteering award from the Vale Volunteering Bureau. Mollie has also

completed more than 100 hours volunteering at a disability dance group, which she still does, as well as volunteering for four hours every Thursday at Ty Hapus, a café for people with dementia.

She has completed a week's volunteering both at Llandough Hospital and at Daisy Day Nursery. Mollie also attended and assisted with a Soroptimists' one-day project at Sully Primary School.

Presenting Mollie with the Cup, president Clare Hart congratulated her warmly and advised her to take the Cup home to show to her friends and family before returning it to school to be proudly displayed.

To find out more about the club, visit www.sigbi.org/barry-and-district.

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Pupils' marathon challenges for Sport Relief



PUPILS at Romilly Primary School have completed marathon challenges to raise money for Sport Relief.

Children across a number of year groups spent the entire day completing laps of the Barry school to raise thousands of pounds for the charity and were joined by Vale MP Alun Cairns.

Mr Cairns said: "Sport Relief is a day that has really captured the imagination in a number of local schools. Teachers told me that pupils really threw themselves into the fundraising and events were running throughout the school day.

"I would like to offer praise to the teachers, pupils and parents for their efforts in raising so much money for a fantastic cause."

Ty Hafan lottery draw winners

THE following are winning numbers in the Ty Hafan Crackerjackpot lottery draw

number D923:
● £2,000: 005089.
● The rollover, which now stands at £2,500, was not won this week.

● £10: 1737821, 1984986, 621940, 885006, 317590, 833196, 247358, 707803, 273928, 419736, 660033, 762118, 119350, 333327, 232166, 487044, 112130, 148868, 518425, 725162, 451317.

● £5: 788270, 450343, 537192, 805225, 210750, 549081, 564792,

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For lottery information please telephone 029 2053 2300.

Marie Curie charity's Hospice At Home service



CVUHB district nurse Olivia Pritchard, Marie Curie healthcare assistant Nina Blagdon, Marie Curie senior nurse Helen Greenway, CVUHB district nurse team leader Wendy Simmons and Marie Curie healthcare assistant Julie Tamlin promote the new Hospice at Home service.

A NEW integrated partnership service is set to transform end-of-life care for people in Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan.

The Cardiff and the Vale Marie Curie Hospice at Home service will be co-ordinated by Marie

Curie, and will see the charity work with Cardiff and Vale University Health Board to provide flexible, planned care for patients.

The initiative, supported by new investment from Welsh Government, will see Marie Curie Healthcare assistants, supported by

senior nurses, working alongside district nurses to provide a flexible, integrated service for people throughout Cardiff and the Vale.

Andrew Wilson-Mouasher, divisional general manager for Marie Curie in Wales, said: "Allowing people at the end of their life to have choice over where they want to die, putting support in place to enable them to do that, is vitally important. This new service means that we will be better placed to deliver a service that really meets the needs of our patients."

For more information about the services offered by Marie Curie, visit www.mariecurie.org.uk.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Coach trip for quilters
GLAMORGAN Quilters are organising a coach trip to Malvern Spring Quilt Show on Saturday, May 21.

The cost is £20 which includes coach fare and admission to the show. If interested, contact Salinder Gammage on salg96@btinternet.com, or call 01443 224550.

No pursuit too trivial!
FRANK VICKERY'S one-act and three-act plays featuring Valley people, their lives and humour, have been very popular with local audiences during the Dinas Powys Players' 50-year history.

For their spring production, the Players have selected *Trivial Pursuits*, first presented at the Parc and Dare theatre in 1987 and subsequently at the Duke of York theatre in London.

Rehearsals are well

advanced under director Catherine Cook. The cast includes Graham and Cynth Russell, Sue Gibbons, Annie Orchard and Pat Tadecicco, together with Andrew Gibbons, Tara Garmston, Maurice Lawrence, Georgy Mintow-Czyz and Phil Sage. See it at the parish hall on April 14 - 16 at 7.30pm.

For tickets call 02920 512868 or 02921 406168.

Dinas Powys village show - early notice!
DINAS Powys village show will be held on Saturday, September 3.

The schedule is 80 per cent complete, but the committee recognises the need for early notification of certain classes. Craft classes (needlecraft, photography, painting and drawing) plus the young people's classes are now available for entry. Details from Val Hartrey on 02920 513274, email valhartrey@talktalk.net.

Bridge results

RESULTS for the Vale of Glamorgan bridge club for the last two weeks:

Monday, March 14 - 1st Tony Disley & Simon Richards 63.99%, 2nd Barbara Exton & Helen Barrie 58.63%, 3rd Alan Lewis & Terry Evans 53.57%.

Monday, March 21 - 1st Jane Brook & Wendy Williams 64.81%, 2nd Glyn Williams & Vida Halford 61.81%, 3rd Glenda Roberts & Liam Sheridan 61.57%. LE

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Two receptions
Three bedrooms
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Kitchen & Bathroom
Forecourt & rear garden
No onward chain



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Three bedrooms
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Kitchen/breakfast room
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Bay fronted mid terrace house
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Three bedrooms
No chain



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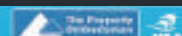
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ALEX (AGED 8) KNOWS HOW TO TELL A JOKE!

A LLANHARAN youngster was among 20 pupils selected from hundreds of schoolchildren across Wales, Scotland and England who have taken part in the joke-telling competition, Voice Box.

The 20 made it through to the final at Speaker's House, Westminster in London including Alex Allen, age eight, who attends Llwyncrwn Primary School.

He delighted the packed audience of politicians, parents and children with his joke: "What wobbles and juggles in the sky? A jellycopter."

Alex, who was presented with a certificate, said: "I tell jokes at home with daddy and my brother."

He did not tell his mum he had entered the competition at school: "I just came home and said: 'I did it!'" he explained.

Voice Box is an annual competition, organised by the Royal College of Speech and



Alex Allen with MP for Ogmore Huw Irranca-Davies, picture by Geoff Wilson.

Language Therapists and partnered by The Communication Trust. It aims to remind people that there are children in every classroom who need support to help them speak and understand what is being said to them.

Nearly 20 per cent of the population may experience communication difficulties at some point in their lives.

Huw Irranca-Davies, MP for Ogmore, who attended the event, said: "I am delighted to support Alex Allen at Voice Box. It has shown me how critical communication skills are in determining a child's life chances. As

a politician, speaking and listening is a vital part of my life and I really value the work done by teachers and speech and language therapists to enable others, including children, to communicate more easily."

John Bercow, Speaker of The House of Commons, said: "I am delighted to be able to host this wonderful event for the second year running. It is extremely important that children with speech, language and communication needs receive the support they require to reach their potential."

ON two separate occasions during February, children at St David's Church in Wales primary school supported 'Keep Wales Tidy' by walking through the local village and community area, collecting rubbish as they went.

They were astounded to find such a lot of waste! Some of the children created colourful posters to encourage people to put their waste in the bin.

They put the posters

Athletic under-12s dominate opposition

A comprehensive display of organised rugby saw Bridgend Athletic under-12s run out 54-0 winners over an able-looking Bonymaen under-12s side.

Bridgend's pack dominated the forward exchanges, turning over loose ball on a regular basis. This enabled their competent backs to take advantage of an harassed Bonymaen side to run in a series of first half tries.

Bridgend also benefited from a good set piece from the scrum, moving the ball wide and stretching the Bonymaen defence to breaking point.

Tries from Jasmine Owen (2), Sam Goodwin, Harrison Woolley, Cullen Loynton and Charlie Ashpole gave the

Athletic a 34 point advantage over the home side in the first half.

The second half saw much of the same. Bonymaen had a few glimpses of possession but struggled to leave their own half without the aid of a series of penalties.

Bridgend, man for man, pressed on ruthlessly and continued their confident defensive display. They harassed Bonymaen off their ball on more than one occasion.

Eventually the physical nature of the Ath's mobile forwards and speed of the backline, coupled with poor tackling from the home side, led to more tries from Jordan Theaker, Luke Griffiths, Ethan Mawer and Lochie Barron.

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St David's pupils help keep Colwinston clean



up on lamp posts around the village as a reminder for everyone.

Grace, a year-3 pupil said: "I was speechless when I saw

all the rubbish. People need to put their litter in the bin because it's making the place look filthy!"

Friday trim for greens and wickets

BOWLING greens and cricket wickets across Bridgend County Borough will be given their final 'pre-match' cuts on Fridays before fixtures this season.

Historically, bowling greens have been cut on Saturday mornings, while cricket wickets were cut, rolled and marked on Saturday, or occasionally Sunday, mornings for weekend fixtures.

Letters have been sent to all local cricket and bowls clubs to inform them of the new arrangements, and Councillor Hywel Williams, Cabinet Member for Communities, said: "Due to substantially reduced budgets, weekend working is

now strictly limited for parks staff, which means that this season the wickets and greens will continue to be maintained during the week, with final preparations taking place on a Friday.

"However, there may be alternatives which could enable the final preparation work to be carried out on weekends, with clubs paying for this additional service.

"We appreciate that the competitive playing season is little more than a month away, so it doesn't give clubs much time to assess their options, but we are keen to hear from clubs to discuss their requirements."

Oldcastle PACT

THE next Oldcastle PACT meeting will be held at Brynteg Lower School library on Wednesday, March 30 at 6.30pm. It provides an opportunity for local residents to come and speak to their local councillors and neighbourhood policing team.

Porthcawl jazz

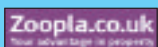
PORTHCAWL Jazz Festival is in its 16th year, and this Saturday, March 26, Mr P's New Orleans Parade Band will be performing from 12 noon to 2pm on the Esplanade and John Street areas.

They will assemble at the Grand Pavilion at 11.30am.

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• TWO DOUBLE BEDROOMS
• KITCHEN/DINER
• UTILITY ROOM
• GCH VIA A COMBI BOILER
• ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN
• NO CHAIN
• ER = C
£107,000



LAURA STREET, BARRY
• MID TERRACE TRADITIONAL
• THREE BEDROOMS
• LIVING/DINING ROOM
• DOWNSTAIRS BATHROOM
• UPVC DG & GCH VIA COMBI
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• SPACIOUS FAMILY HOME
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• KITCHEN
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• TWO BEDROOMS
• FAM. BATHROOM
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• DRIVEWAY PROVIDING PARKING
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SANDRINGHAM CLOSE, BARRY
• SEMI DETACHED
• LIVING ROOM
• SEPARATE DINING ROOM
• FITTED KITCHEN
• THREE BEDROOMS
• DRIVEWAY/GARAGE
• VIEWING ESSENTIAL
£189,950



OXFORD STREET, BARRY
• BAY FRONTED MID TERRACE
• SPACIOUS LIVING ACCOMMODATION
• 4 BEDROOMS
• LIVING ROOM & DINING ROOM
• KITCHEN/BREAKFAST ROOM
• UPVC DG & COMBI BOILER
• MINUTED WALK TO PORTCHERI PARK, ROMILLY SCHOOLS & SHOPS
• ER = D
£172,000



GILBERT STREET, BARRY
• TRADITIONAL MID TERRACE
• BOX BAY FRONT
• LIVING ROOM & DINING ROOM
• TWO BEDROOMS & COT ROOM
• REARLY BATHROOM
• ENCLOSED GARDEN
• LANE ACCESS
• NO CHAIN
• ER = E
£89,950



MERIONETH PLACE, BARRY
• DETACHED BUNGALOW
• IN NEED OF SOME MODERNISATION
• LIVING ROOM
• FAMILY BATHROOM
• TWO BEDROOMS
• GCH VIA COMBI, UPVC DG
• NO CHAIN
• GARAGE
• ER = D
£129,950



WESTON STREET, BARRY
• END OF TERRACED
• LIVING ROOM
• FITTED KITCHEN
• GROUND FLR. BATHROOM
• TWO BEDROOMS
• UPVC DG - GCH
• NO CHAIN
• EPC = E
£85,000



REDBRINK CRESCENT, BARRY
• TRADITIONAL BAY FRONTED
• ONE BEDROOMED APARTMENT
• PANORAMIC SEA VIEWS
• LIVING ROOM (OPENING TO KITCHEN)
• SHOWER ROOM
• MASTER BEDROOM WITH ENSUITE
• NO CHAIN
• ER=C
£90,000



REGENT STREET, BARRY
• BAY FRONTED PORE-COURT
• LIVING/DINING ROOM
• FITTED KITCHEN
• GROUND FLOOR BATHROOM
• FIVE BEDROOMS (ACCESSIBLE VIA FOURTH)
• NO CHAIN
• IN NEED OF MODERNISATION
• (SOLD AS SEEN - SERVICES NOT TESTED)
• ER = E
£99,950



CHURCHFIELDS, BARRY
• TWO BEDROOMS
• SEMI DETACHED
• LOCATED IN A QUIET CUL-DE-SAC
• LOUNGE
• KITCHEN/DINER
• FAMILY BATHROOM
• DRIVEWAY
• ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN
• ER = D
£140,000



GEORGE STREET, BARRY
• BAY FRONTED MID TERRACED
• TWO REC. ROOMS
• KITCHEN/BREAKFAST
• THREE BEDROOMS
• FAM. BATHROOM
• ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN
• NO CHAIN
• ER = E
£97,500



Rhooose Lifeguards feel the need for speed!



A little over a month ago, the teams from Rhooose Lifeguards continued their pool competition events by entering the 'National Speed Championships', held again this year at the London Aquatics Centre.

The competition, the largest of its kind in the UK, sees lifesaving athletes aged 12 and upwards from across the UK and Ireland competing for national titles.

With the regular surf lifesaving pool events held many of the team hit personal best times while enjoying the experience of competing in an Olympic swimming pool!

Thanks to Simon Perry for organising the trip and managing the



team over the two days.

In other news, recently, the Nippers were also presented with their 'most improved' awards following the Welsh Stillwater Championships held at the beginning of the year in Cardiff.

Very soon, the teams from all age groups, Nippers, Juniors, Seniors and Masters, will be competing again at the GB Championships. JF



Brace's winner

COLORADO DOC, a five-year-old bay gelding owned, bred and trained by David Brace OBE, of the Dunraven Stud at Pyle near Bridgend, and who was racing in public for the first time, won the two-and-a half mile young horse maiden race at the Quantock Staghoums Hunt Steeplechases at Cothelstone last Saturday.

Winning rider Byron Moorcroft from Cowbridge said: "We won by a length or so, and the horse we beat is by Doctor Massini, the same sire as Mr Brace's horse."

BRIAN LEE

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE ROUND-UP

CARDIFF Airport and Wenvoe Arms will meet in this season Barry Cup final, after both sides progressed through tricky semi-final ties.

Cardiff Airport showed their class to defeat the highly-rated Barry Belgrade 4-1, to make their third final in four years, while Wenvoe dispatched Cogan Coronation 4-2.

In the Premier Division, Dinas Powys Athletic notched an impressive 4-2 win over Cowbridge Town.

AFC Rhooose continued their unbeaten start to 2016 with a 3-1

victory over Island Marine. Penarth Town bounced back from their 9-1 mauling last week in the best possible way, with a 6-1 trouncing of Masons Moving Group.

Barry Athletic triumphed over bottom side SP Construction 4-2, to move up to third.

In the First Division, Vale United made it nine league games without defeat as they overcame FC Pumas 6-3. The other form side in the division, Tynnewydd, turned on the style to blow bottom team BV away 5-0 - that's four wins on the bounce for the Tynny and both teams are now right in

the First Division title hunt.

Cadoxton Athletic recorded their first win of 2016 with a 5-2 success over Cardiff Airport B, while Cadoxton Barry made it seven points from nine with a 6-1 win over Glenbrook.

In the Second Division, leaders Barry Athletic B were held 2-2 by St Athan B, while Barry Albion and FC Pumas B played out a 1-1 draw. As of writing, the Island Marine vs Cadoxton Imps result was unknown.

This week, the big Premier Division clash sees second place Wenvoe Arms host league leaders St Athan.

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HEOL SIRHWYL, BARRY
£219,000

Three bedroom link detached. Hallway. Cloakroom. Lounge. Dining room. Kitchen. Family bathroom. Garage and driveway. Enclosed rear garden.



NEW
LEWIS STREET, BARRY
£181,950

Extended, four bedroom semi detached. Entrance porch. Hallway. Two reception rooms. Kitchen. Utility room. Bathroom to ground floor and shower room to first floor. Enclosed rear garden and forecourt. Driveway.



NEW
WHITEWELL ROAD, BARRY
£129,950

Three bedroom semi detached. Porch. Hallway. Lounge. Dining Room. Kitchen. First floor bathroom. Gardens to front and rear.



NEW
JEWEL STREET, BARRY
£129,500

Two bedroom end terrace. Entrance hallway. Lounge. Sitting room. Dining room. Kitchen. Two double bedrooms and extended bathroom into bedroom three. NO CHAIN.



NEW
BRAMBLE AVENUE, BARRY
£137,950

Two bedroom semi detached. Entrance hall. Lounge. Kitchen/diner. Family bathroom and en suite to master bedroom. Enclosed rear garden. Driveway. NO CHAIN.



NEW
EVANS STREET, BARRY
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Two bedroom mid terrace. Entrance porch. Open plan lounge/dining room. Modern fitted kitchen. Family bathroom. Rear garden.



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WHITE FARM, BARRY
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Two bedroom end link. Entrance hallway. Lounge. Kitchen. Conservatory. Downstairs cloakroom. Family bathroom and en suite shower room to master bedroom. Enclosed rear garden. Parking for 3 vehicles. NO CHAIN.



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NEW
FONMON PARK ROAD, RHOSCE
£176,950

Three bedroom link detached. Entrance hallway. Living room. Newly fitted contemporary kitchen. Modern white bathroom suite. Gardens to front and rear. Driveway and Garage.



NEW
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Two bedroom semi detached. Entrance hall. Lounge. Modern fitted kitchen/diner and bathroom. Enclosed rear garden. Open plan garden to front. Driveway providing off road parking for two vehicles. NO CHAIN.



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COLLEGE ROAD, BARRY
£129,950

Three bedroom bay mid terrace. Entrance porch. Hallway. Lounge. Dining room. Kitchen/breakfast room. Utility area. Downstairs w/c. Shower room to first floor. Enclosed forecourt and rear garden. NO CHAIN.



FONMON ROAD, RHOSCE
£460,000

Four bedroom detached property comprising: Four reception rooms. Kitchen/dining room. Gardens front and rear. Garage.



MERTHYR DYFAN COURT, BARRY
£449,950

Five double bedroom detached. Three reception rooms. Large kitchen/family room. Utility. Family bathroom and wet room. Double garage.



ROMILLY PARK ROAD, BARRY
£425,000

Five bedroom semi detached. Entrance porch. Hallway. Three reception rooms. Solid oak kitchen. En suite bathroom. Shower room. Family bathroom. Enclosed gardens to front and rear. NO CHAIN.



CAER FYNNON, BARRY
£325,000

Four bedroom detached. Hallway. Lounge. Dining Room. Family room. Conservatory. Kitchen. Utility room. Shower room. Family bathroom. Enclosed rear garden. Driveway. NO CHAIN.



ST JAMES CRESCENT, BARRY
£324,950

Four bedroom detached. Hallway. Three reception rooms. Conservatory. Kitchen/breakfast room. Utility room. Bathroom and En suite. Integral garage. Rear garden.



WESTWARD RISE, BARRY
£255,000

Three bedroom semi detached. Entrance porch opening into hallway. Cloakroom. Lounge. Dining room. Sunroom. Fitted kitchen. Bathroom suite and en suite. Shower cubicle to bedroom three. Gardens and garage.



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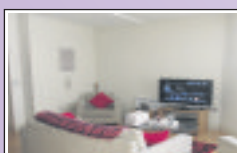
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Llantwit Major AFC gain point in the last minute!

LLANTWIT MAJOR left it late again to gain something from a well-fought, tight contest away to Caerleon in Welsh League Division 3 on Saturday.

The first half was a scrappy and even affair with few openings for either side in the attacking final third. Llantwit were able to impose their superior composure on the ball as the half wore on, but against the run of play found themselves 1-0 down on the stroke of half-time.

A punt forward eluded several Llantwit midfielders, and the defenders and the keeper got themselves in a tangle as the Caerleon right winger sprung infield from his wing to finish well.

The half-time team talk seemed to do very little to spark Llantwit into action and the home side found themselves 2-0 up after 55 minutes, when a right wing delivery was not cleared properly and the loose ball found itself at the feet of a grateful Caerleon midfielder, who found the net with precision from a 22 yard distance, leaving stand-in keeper Anthony Cresswell no chance.

Changes were rung as Luke Cox was introduced after 60 minutes and a further positional change made the Llantwit team more potent up front.

The new central striking duo of Rob Jones and Luke Cox linked well with 12 minutes remaining. The pair

exchanged quick passes 25 yards from goal and Luke Cox pulled a deserved goal back.

Llantwit's dominance grew and grew as possession of the football became increasingly easy. Full backs Cat Thomas and Glynn Davies got involved further up the pitch, as did Jake Roberts and Kris Smith in midfield.

Corners and free kicks peppered the Caerleon goal, but the home keeper led a charmed life, while his defenders dropped deeper and deeper to try to help in protecting their goal.

Llantwit got their reward, however, in the 87th minute when again Rob Jones was the hero. He latched onto a Luke Cox flick on and was first to the loose ball as the flick-on found itself between the defenders and the keeper.

Rob smartly and coolly turned the ball beyond the advancing keeper to see the ball nestle in the net.

The Llantwit bench felt that there was still time to grasp all three points, but the 2-2 result left Llantwit feeling that it was two points lost rather than one point gained.

Squad: 1 A. Caswell, 2 J. Thomas, 5 R. Llewelyn (c), 6 M. Lewis, 3 G. Davies 4 K. Smith, 8, J. Roberts, 7 D. James (J. Butler 5), 10 R. Jones 11 L. Jones, 9 M. Morgan (L. Cox 50).

The Llantwit Major first team are playing at Windmill Lane on Saturday, with a 2.30pm kick off.

DAVID JONES

Penybont under-18s reach semi-finals

PENYBONT under-18s secured their place in the last four of the South Wales FA Youth Cup after a very impressive performance against a Union Rangers side that has only lost once all season prior to this defeat.

Penybont made the best possible start to the game as they took an early lead in just the seventh minute of the match.

Ashleigh Jones scored yet another screamer from distance, which left the away side's goalkeeper stunned after Jones

launched the ball into the top of the net.

Union Rangers soon equalised in the 19th minute after Bradley Payne broke loose from the Penybont defence to slot the ball past Calum Williams in the Penybont goal.

Penybont were awarded a stonewall penalty in the 27th minute but the Union Rangers goalkeeper made a decent save to his right to prevent Jac Lewis from regaining the lead for Penybont.

This missed spot kick didn't prove to be too costly as three minutes later Penybont were back in front.

Ashleigh Jones was clipped by a Union Rangers defender and

then from the referee's advantage, Jones crossed the ball into the box to find Matthew Symons, who gave Penybont a 2-1 half-time lead.

The pivotal moment of the game came in the first five minutes of the second half where Penybont scored a further two goals to put the game to bed.

Arran Williams made it 3-1 after turning in a Robert Symons corner from close range, then two minutes later Connor James gave Penybont a three goal lead after showing great quality to latch onto the end of a deflected Jac Lewis shot.

Union Rangers now appeared to lose interest in the match and things almost became too easy for Penybont as they continued to play some breathtaking all-round football for the remainder of the match.

Overall, Penybont's game is in a real good place at the moment as they go 13 matches unbeaten in all competitions.

To not only beat a good team but to make them lose interest in an important match is something else - well done.

TOM PROSSER

Sports in tight game with Kenfig Hill

THIS was always going to be a competitive affair between two teams of contrasting styles and philosophies in Bridgend Sports under-10s and Kenfig Hill under-10s - and that is exactly how it turned out to be on Sunday morning at the Bandstand Field.

The Sports under-10s like to put width on the ball and involve all squad players while the Mules prefer the direct route using a couple of their more skilful, powerful players at every set piece and then use those same players at defensive rucks to power over the ball.

This was how the game played out on the day, in what proved to be a very competitive and entertaining game for all involved.

Kenfig Hill won the toss and straight from the off they set Eli Cowen on a run through the middle. The attack was brought to halt with a fine tackle from Hari Williams and Cian John.

The Sports then secured a steal at the ruck area which set them off as Iestyn John and Cian John made breaks to take play deep into the Kenfig Hill half. Kenfig Hill recovered to force a turnover close to their own line to deny the Sports an early lead.

The teams battled out the remainder of the period with both adopting their different tactics. Kenfig Hill made a breakthrough right at the end of the half, as Eli Cowen eventually found some space out wide to race in for a score at the end of an attack which started five metres into the Sports half for the Mules to take a 0-1 lead.



Joel Rogers (with the ball) attacks for Bridgend Sports under-10s.

The Sports started the second period with possession. They increased the tempo and moved the ball in hand around the field. Their determination and team spirit came to the fore and this attitude, combined with the handling skills, put supporting players into space and exposed some cracks in their opponent's defence.

They soon eradicated the deficit with an early second period try. Joel Rogers made a break in field before passing on to Tom Coles, who was having an excellent game. He passed to Mackenzie Dent who made good ground before passing to Cian John, who then put Callum Lewis in space to score a try in the corner.

Kenfig Hill restarted but were brought to a halt and lost possession at the ruck, where Hari Williams spotted space down the blindside.

He set off on a run, then switched play inside. Further good handling from the Sports put Morgan Edwards into space but he was hauled down just short of the line, but quick recycling and a couple of short range attacks forced a penalty.

A quick tap saw Joel Rogers find space and exploit a gap for the

home team to go into a 2-1 lead. The lead didn't last long however, as straight from the restart, Kenfig Hill used the power and pace of Donovan Ranken to break through to run in for a try to bring the scores level.

Both sides competed hard for the next score with penalties conceded by both teams. Kenfig Hill looked to have found some space, it needed one pass to exploit it, but Harri Williams read it and made an interception to race in for the final score of the second period for the Sports to lead 3-2 overall.

With all to play for in the final period, both sets of players were showing their competitive spirit with neither side getting the upperhand.

Kenfig Hill almost scored early but another run from Eli Cowen was brought to a stop with a try-stopping tackle from Callum Lewis. A similar attack was brought to a halt, moments later, as Harri Williams put in a brave tackle.

The Sports then broke out of defence with some direct running from Cadan Hayes, Dewi Worrall and Mason Balmer before the attack was stopped.

Kenfig Hill equalised moments later with a carbon copy of their second try. This time it was Eli Cowen who made the break down the touchline.

He used his strength to run in for the try and level the game 3-3. It was a highly competitive game and a credit to both teams who played in very different styles.

The Sports rotated players throughout the game to ensure young players are developed, they also moved the ball to find and exploit space, whereas Kenfig Hill preferred to use the size and strength of one or two key players to score tries.

Squad: Ben King, Cadan Hayes, Callum Lewis, Cian John, Dewi Worrall, Harri Williams, Iestyn John, Ieuan Pilliner, Jodie Keane, Joel Rogers, Mackenzie Dent, Mason Balmer, Matthew Gates, Morgan Edwards, Tom Chick, Tom Coles, Tyler Burton.

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Rhys lands big winner

BRIDGEND'S Rhys Flint, riding the Alexandra Dunn-trained Guaracha, landed the C & S Electrical Wholesale BG Electrical Technology Novices' Hurdle at Taunton on Monday.

Top weighted Guaracha, who at five years old was the youngest horse in a field of eight runners, scored

by five lengths from the lightly weighted Sylvan Legend and was a 14-1 outsider.

My Brother Sylvest, who was bred by David Brace OBE at the Dunraven Stud, Pyle, Bridgend, took the C & S Wholesale BG Electrical Handicap Chase under Michael Heard.

A 7-1 chance, My Brother Sylvest won by half-a-length from the Philip Hobbs trained Bilbrook Blaze.

BRIAN LEE

Students start to plan careers

RECENTLY, Barry Comprehensive School's main hall was filled with companies, businesses and organisations welcoming students to the annual careers fair.

Hundreds of students from years 10, 11, 12 and 13 visited the stalls to find out about the opportunities in the workplace and in further education.

Business visitors ranged from the global to the local and included, BMW, CITB, Dow Corning, Greenwich Communities, Holder Mathias Architects, IQE, Keep Moat, Blackhorse, Lloyds, Principality, RAF and Renishaw.

Other organisations included ACT, Careers Wales, Cardiff City Council, Languages

Cymru RTPI and South Wales Police.

Welsh Universities were also keen let students know what they had to offer, with stands from Cardiff Metropolitan, Cardiff University, and the University of South Wales.

Cardiff and Vale College also provided information on their courses, including aircraft engineering. Their stand included a flight simulator for students to try out under the guidance of Josh, a former Barry Comprehensive student, now studying at the College.

The school is grateful to all the attendees for their time and commitment to showing students some of the huge range of opportunities available to them. AC

Bridgend Bridge Club news

THE results for recent events are:

Wednesday, March 16 - 1st Tony Disley and John Evans, 2nd Linda Pinnock and Denis Mottram, 3rd Geoff Barnes and Peter Bugden. Winners on handicap Tony Disley and John Evans.

Thursday, March 17 - 1st Dilys Bowser and V Irene Thomas, 2nd Stuart Davies and John Evans, 3rd Eileen Williams and David Newman. Winners on handicap Dilys Bowser and V Irene Thomas.

Friday, March 18 - 1st Debbie and Simon Richards, 2nd Bill Turner

and Andy Robertshaw, 3rd Norma and David Newman. Winners on handicap Bill Turner and Andy Robertshaw.

Regular club nights take place on Wednesday and Friday evenings at Noltan Church Hall. Play is scheduled to commence at 7pm so it helps if players arrive at least 10 minutes early.

On Thursday afternoons at 2pm, also at Noltan Church Hall, there is a gentle duplicate session. Master points are now awarded but it remains a relaxed occasion where players enjoy their bridge.

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Peacefully on March 15th at Llandough Hospital - June, well known of Aneurin Road, Barry and beloved mum of Lawrence, John and Shane. Loving mother-in-law to Rose, Ruth and Lesley. Cherished Nan to all her grandchildren and great grandchildren. Special sister of Peter, Clive and the late Allen.

She will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

June is in the care of Lyndsay Ellis @ The Vale Funeral Service, 181 Court Road, Barry until her service at Crossway Methodist Church, Barry on Friday, 1st April at 10am, followed by interment at Merthyr Dyfan Cemetery, Barry.
 Floral tributes may be sent to the Funeral Home.

ARTHUR

Tom

Peacefully at Llandough Hospital on March 17th - Tom, well known for his time as a Police Officer within Canton & Penarth, devoted husband to Gill. Much loved Dad of Victoria & Gerard, respected and loved Father in Law to Nigel and Claire. Cherished Bampi to Chloe & Rhiannon.
He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Tom is in the care of Lyndsay Ellis @ The Vale Funeral Service, until his service and committal at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry on Friday, 1st April at 2pm.

No flowers by request. Donations if desired may be made at the service or via Tom's online tribute page at www.valefuneralservice.co.uk where all are welcome to leave their personal tributes and messages.
 Donations in memory of Tom to support Cancer Research Wales.

JENKINS

Beryl Elizabeth
(née Trask)

Peacefully at The Manor House, St Hilary, on Friday, March 18, Betty of Ogmere-by-Sea. Beloved wife of Bruce, loving mother of Michael, Karen, Susanne and the late Nigel. Dear sister of Pam, much loved mother-in-law and grandmother.
 Funeral service at St Bridget's Church, St Brides Major, on Saturday, March 26th at 11.30am followed by interment. Donations in lieu of flowers to Dementia UK and forwarded to Dementia UK, Second Floor, Resource for London, 356 Holloway Road, London, N7 6PA.

EDWARDS

Thomas Arthur (Tom)

Peacefully at home, 'Bryn-Hawddgar' in Cowbridge, on 16th March, Tom, formerly of St. Mary Hill. Dearly beloved husband of the late Glenys, much loved father of Margaret, father-in-law to Chris, loving grandpa to Geoffrey and Nia, Richard and Michelle, Robert and Jennifer, devoted great-grandfather to Joshua and Benjamin.

Funeral Tuesday, 29th March, service and cremation at Coychurch Crematorium at 3.15pm.
 Family flowers only, donations in lieu, if desired, may be made to Marie Curie or Cancer Research Wales c/o Mel & Ron Watkins Funeral Services, Graigwen, 12 Pentwyn Road, Pencoed, Bridgend CF35 6SB Tel: 01656 860545.

BELBY

Brian Frank
(of Bry - B - Cakes)

Passed away peacefully at UHW on 16th March 2016. Beloved husband of the late Enid. Loving brother to Colin and Christine, and a dear uncle to all his nieces and nephews.

Resting at D. Caesar Jones Funeral Home, 55 Pantbach Road, Rhiwbina, until the service at Cardiff & The Vale Crematorium, Barry, on Thursday, 31st March at 11am. Family flowers only. Donations in lieu can be made to Alzheimer's Society c/o the funeral home.

NORTHWAY

Margaret Ellen

Peacefully on March 14th at Y Bwthyn Newydd, the Princess of Wales Hospital, after a short illness, Margaret of Meadow Rise, Brynna, formerly of St Quentins Riding Stables, Llanblethian and Geoffrey Ash Court, Cowbridge. Sister of the late Sam, Bill and Percy. Dear friend and companion of Helen.
Will be sadly missed by all that loved her.

Funeral service at Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry on Tuesday, March 29th at 2pm.
 No flowers please, but donations in lieu to Macmillan Cancer Support, 1 Old Field Road, Pencoed, Bridgend, CF35 5LJ. For all enquiries contact Thomas Brothers on 01446 775681.

Every-Clayton

Karen

Passed away peacefully on 12th March 2016. Will be sadly missed by all her family & friends.
 A service of thanksgiving will take place on Wednesday, 30th March at St. Mary's Church, CF71 7LT at 2pm. Colourful clothing welcome. No flowers by request. Donations would be welcomed for www.headway.org. All enquiries to Green Willow Funerals, 21a Station Road, Dinas Powys, CF64 4DE. Tel (029) 2051 4627.

DESSENT-JENKINS

Marjorie Lois

Peacefully on 16th March at the Princess of Wales Hospital, Marjorie (Lois) of Keiron, Ystadwaun, Pencoed. Much loved wife, mother, mother-in-law and grandmother.

Will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.
 Funeral Monday 4th April, service and cremation at Coychurch Crematorium at 2.15pm.

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Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act, 1990

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Development that may affect a Conservation Area/ Datblygu a allai effeithio ar Ardal Gadwraeth

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2015/00249/FUL
Proposal/Cynnig: Development of 101 houses and associated open space vehicular and pedestrian access landscaping and infrastructure, including the demolition of Emmaville
Location:/Lleoliad: Land to the East of St. Nicholas
Conservation Area:/ Ardal Gadwraeth: St. Nicholas

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2015/01472/FUL
Proposal/Cynnig: Construction of a 4 bed detached dwelling, single garage and parking
Location:/Lleoliad: Land near corner between Broadway and Castle Hill, Llanblethian, Cowbridge
Conservation Area:/ Ardal Gadwraeth: Llanblethian

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2016/00162/FUL
Proposal/Cynnig: Proposed alterations and erection of two storey extension to side
Location:/Lleoliad: Marty Cottage, Bridge Road, Llanblethian
Conservation Area:/ Ardal Gadwraeth: Llanblethian

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2016/00176/FUL
Proposal/Cynnig: Detached two storey house with integral garage and separate small single room reptile building
Location:/Lleoliad: Overway, 12, Park Road, Penarth
Conservation Area:/ Ardal Gadwraeth: Penarth

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2016/00199/FUL
Proposal/Cynnig: Change of Use to A3 (Food and Drink)
Location:/Lleoliad: 27, High Street, Cowbridge
Conservation Area:/ Ardal Gadwraeth: Cowbridge

Listed Building Consent/ Caniatâd Adeilad Rhestredig

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2016/00088/LBC
Proposal/Cynnig: Hack off defective cement render
Location:/Lleoliad: Biglis Farmhouse, Argae Lane, St. Andrews Major
Listed Building:/ Adeilad Rhestredig: Grade II

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2016/00141/LBC
Proposal/Cynnig: Internal alterations to ground floor rooms
Location:/Lleoliad: Springbank Nursing Home, College Road, Barry
Listed Building:/ Adeilad Rhestredig: Grade II

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2016/00235/LBC
Proposal/Cynnig: Replace existing deteriorating flat roof with a new replacement flat roof
Location:/Lleoliad: Natwest, 2, Plymouth Road, Penarth
Listed Building:/ Adeilad Rhestredig: Grade II

Application(s) of General Interest/ Ceisiadau o ddiddordeb Cyffredinol

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2015/00249/FUL
Proposal/Cynnig: Development of 101 houses and associated open space vehicular and pedestrian access landscaping and infrastructure, including the demolition of Emmaville
Location:/Lleoliad: Land to the East of St. Nicholas

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2016/00135/FUL
Proposal/Cynnig: Wood drying facility, including the provision of 6 Biomass boilers, flues and erection of a stack
Location:/Lleoliad: Unit 5, Vale of Glamorgan Business Park, Llandow

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2016/00080/FUL
Proposal/Cynnig: Erection of an agricultural building for free range egg production, together with associated feed bins, hardstandings and access road
Location:/Lleoliad: Llwynhelig, Cowbridge

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2016/00182/RES
Proposal/Cynnig: Development of site known as South Quay (Parkside) for residential development and commercial and associated infrastructure works, parking servicing and landscape
Location:/Lleoliad: Site known as South Quay, Barry Waterfront, Barry

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2016/00187/RES
Proposal/Cynnig: Approval of the landscaping of the development condition 1 of the outline 2015/00031/OUT
Location:/Lleoliad: Biomass UK No. 2 Limited, David Davies Road, Woodham Road, Barry

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2016/00219/FUL
Proposal/Cynnig: Conversion and minor extension to the existing church and school buildings to create live-work units (C3), office space (B1a) and associated works.
Location:/Lleoliad: United Reformed Church, Windsor Road, Barry

May affect a Public Right of Way/ Gall effeithio ar Hawl Tramwy Cyhoeddus

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Departure from Development Plan/ Gwyrto o'r Cynllun Datblygu

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Application(s) with Environmental Statement/ Cais (au) gyda Datganiad Amgylcheddol

NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 8 Proposed development at Site known as South Quay, Barry Waterfront, Barry.

I give notice that Taylor Wimpey South Wales is applying to The Vale of Glamorgan Council for Planning Permission to Development of site known as South Quay (Parkside) for residential development and commercial and associated infrastructure works, parking servicing and landscape.

The proposal has been submitted with an environmental statement which can be inspected at the address given below. Members of the public may obtain copies of the environmental statement at a charge from Miss Tracey Ford, The Tobacco Factory, Raleigh Road, Bristol, Avon, BS3 1TF so long as stocks last.

Members of the public may inspect copies of:

- The application.
- The plans.
- The environmental statement.
- Other documents submitted with the application.

at the address given below during all reasonable hours until 14 April, 2016.

Anyone who wishes to make representations about this application should write to the Head of Planning and Transportation at the address given below by 14 April 2016 quoting reference 2016/00182/RES.

HYSBYSIAD O DAN ERTHYGL 8 Datblygiad arfaethedig yn Site known as South Quay, Barry Waterfront, Barry

Hysbysir trwy hyn Taylor Wimpey South Wales n gwneud cais i Gyngor Bro Morgannwg am Ganiatâd Cynllunio ar gyfe Development of site known as South Quay (Parkside) for residential development and commercial and associated infrastructure works, parking servicing and landscape.

Cafodd y cynnig ei gyflwyno gyda datganiad amgylcheddol sydd ar gael i'w ddarllen yn y cyfeiriad isod. Caiff aelodau o'r cyhoedd brynu copïau o'r datganiad am oddi wrth Miss Tracey Ford, The Tobacco Factory, Raleigh Road, Bristol, Avon, BS3 1TF tra bydd y stoc ar gael.

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Details may be inspected for 21 days at the address given below, or via <http://vagonline.planning-register.co.uk/>

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GLAMORGAN HUNT POINT-TO-POINT

The Glamorgan Hunt are holding their annual point-to-point races at Uplands, Ystradowen in the Vale on Easter Saturday (March 26) and an exciting day's racing is promised.

Racing gets under way with the hunt members' race at 2pm and there will be a parade of hounds during the afternoon.

There will be six races and the mixed open race, which is a qualifier for the Aga Ladies' Open Point-To-Point Final at Stratford on Avon on May 20, will be run at 3.45pm.

When the hunt first staged a meeting there in 2002 there were 26 entries but owing to the firm ground only 22 of them faced the starter.

One rider who had good cause to remember the meeting was 20 year-old Tommy Faulkner from Newport who won the restricted open race on Kevin Richards' Welsh Warrior who scored by four lengths from Evan Williams's Tiny.

Faulkner was chalking-up his first winner in four years of race riding. However,

Llanrcarfan's Evan Williams did not go away empty handed as he had a walk-over in the members' race on Silver Minx and later had another walk over in the men's open event on Royal Mount Brown.

The ladies' open race went to Nigel's Boy whose rider Emily Jones made most of the running to beat the favourite Young Manny partnered by Bridget Lewis.

In the open maiden, Romany Baan, ridden by 18-year-old James Tudor, won by three lengths from Best Attempt ridden by Mark Pary.

Former Welsh international show jumper Tim Vaughan took the confined on Madge Lewis' Cracker Ticket the odds-on favourite.

The tricky Ystradowen course has proved popular with a number of owners, trainers and riders over the years and racegoers can expect to see some competitive racing on Saturday.

LOCAL HORSE WINS MIDLAND GRAND NATIONAL

Firebird trained by Llanrcarfan's Evan Williams, landed the Bettfred Midlands Grand National

(Listed) Handicap over four miles and one furlong at Uttoxeter on Saturday.

The nine-year-old gelding, which had finished runner-up to Mountainous in the Welsh Grand National at Chepstow in January, was given a patient ride by Adam Wedge and although Colin Tizzard's Golden Chieftain looked the likely winner until clipping the last fence and falling.

However, jumping is the name of the game and Golden Chieftain had fallen in his previous race when clear three fences from home.

A 16-1 chance, Firebird Flyer went on to score by two lengths from the joint top weighted Milansbar.

Evan said: "We got lucky, I think it's fair to say Colin's horse would have won. They've had two falls in the last two days (Mr Tizzard's Cue Card had fallen three fences from home in Friday's Cheltenham Gold Cup when going well) that must have cost them a lot of money."

"No one could begrudge our horse the win though, he's been consistent in these staying chases. To be fair, he's come a long way because his jumping could only be described as scratchy at the best of times but I

always had faith it would all drop for him one of these races."

Adam Wedge said: "They've gone a good gallop but its fantastic being able to ride for Evan because you know you just have to sit on your horse and have patience. It's very good on a horse like this because he just keeps galloping to the end."

PHIL'S FFOS LAS WINNER

Peterston-super-Ely farmer Phil Dando landed the Heineken Handicap Hurdle at Ffos Las on Sunday with his eight-year-old bay gelding Driftwood Haze, partnered by Tom Greatex, and which came home 12 lengths clear of Bishop Wulstan, trained by leading Welsh trainer Peter Bowen.

Phil, who trains his charges on his farm, has made quite a name for himself over the years with his homebred horses since he started training in the 1960s and has saddled a number of winners between-the-flags and under rules.

Debra Hamer, who hails from the Vale, but who now trains in west Wales, had a rare double at the meeting when she saddled Magical Man to win the Heineken Chase and Calculated Risk to win the Heineken Conditional Jockeys' Selling Hurdle.

The former, ridden by Trevor Whelen, won by eight lengths from Evan Williams' Zama Zama and the latter under Thomas Bellamy scored by 11 lengths from the Bernard Llewellyn-trained Filatore.

BRIAN LEE

Barrivale Bridge Club results

LATEST results from Barrivale Bridge Club for March 15:

1st Jenny Vaughan & Mark Roderick 67.93%; 2nd Irene Thomas & Jane Brook 57.94%; 3rd Peter Millar & Mike Close 55.47%. Dave Reed and Bryn Gough won on handicap.

New members are always welcome at Barrivale. A partner may be arranged if required. If you would like to join us ring 01446 418380 or 01446 733425 or 01446 735592 call at the Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road, Barry on Tuesdays at 7pm.

Alternatively players, inexperienced or new, may attend on Fridays at 10am at the same address.

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Oliver Jarmaine (with the ball) isn't short of support from his teammates!

Under-13s put in a confident display against Fairwater

FAIRWATER entertained Cowbridge under-13s on a cold, but dry Sunday morning recently, when everyone was pleased to see a fixture actually going ahead!

Both sets of players were keen to run the ball, with the early exchanges in Fairwater's favour thanks for their sizeable pack.

However it was Cowbridge that opened the scoring first, with an excellent winger's try by Iestyn Pithers. This was followed shortly after by James Davies going over from close quarters after some excellent approach work by the Cowbridge backs.

A 30 metre solo effort from scrum half Iwan Bartle Thomas just before half-time put Cowbridge into a comfortable position, from which Fairwater, despite injury problems and their best endeavours, could not recover.

Two further well worked tries from wingers Jakob

Tiessen and Kofi Jones put the game out of sight, with four out of five conversions successfully kicked by H Whitaker and J Thiessen.

Another excellent team performance from an enthusiastic group of lads, short on game time, but growing in confidence when the opportunity presents itself - hopefully some good spring fixtures will now follow!

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Saints hold the league leaders

ST ATHAN B held impressive Division Two leaders Barry Athletic B in this hotly contested game, the game finishing 2-2.

Saints took the lead through veteran front man Craig Howells, the captain making no mistake.

Athletic hit back and showed why they are top of the league as they drew level and then edged in front.

Saints, however, are building a steady determination and pushed for the equaliser.

It came in the form of youngster Josh Morgan, seizing on a throw to level, Morgan continuing his fine league form.

HD

Cowbridge under-10s overcome slow start to earn win

STRAIGHT after a tournament, Cowbridge under-10s always seem to have a dip in performance and Sunday was no exception, when we were at home against Llantrisant, who we have only played once before.

We started slowly, missing tackles and losing the ball in the breakdown. Eventually the boys started to wake up and opened the scoring following a long pass out wide from Harry New and sublime hands and a sprint from his own half from James Lord. L.

Thomas then doubled the score with one of his trademark runs through the centre, only for Llantrisant to reply straight afterwards.

Paddy Whitestone then restored the two try cushion, touching down

into the corner, which was closely followed by one from Joe Davies, making it 4-1 at half-time.

We began to get more ball and slowly started to play our usual expansive and fast paced game.

First George Tuckley powered over after great work from L. Thomas, then George returned the favour and offloaded to Joe to score his second of the game.

We then missed a couple of tackles and Llantrisant scored two tries in quick succession.

That seemed to spur the boys into action and they finally woke up scoring four excellent team tries, the first finished by Harry with an excellent run from half way, with two from Osian Bruce, weaving through the opposition lines, and George getting his second of the game at the final whistle. Match score 10-3.

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Dominant performance from Cowbridge Reds

IT was almost five months ago that the Cowbridge Town Reds last played a match at home, so the team were looking forward to entertaining Rhosee in their latest league game on a clear morning in Cowbridge.

Rhosee kicked off a player short and the opening few minutes were a scrappy affair, due mainly to the challenging nature of the playing surface.

However, once the Reds started to become accustomed to it they soon opened their account with Sam Davies cleverly lobbing the keeper after five minutes.

The Reds were now starting to exert pressure which, in turn, led to some determined defending by Rhosee before a good attack was finished off by Craig Tapsfield, who slotted a right-footed shot into the net from the edged of the box and claimed his second shortly after with a crisp left-footed finish to make the score 3-0.

A neat passing move between Benji Mulcahy and Sam Davies enabled the former to open his account and a clever run and cutback from Jac Roberts enabled Benji to claim his second soon after.

The sixth goal came from a corner by Benji which was expertly headed into the corner of the net by Craig to claim the perfect hat-trick.

The Reds then started to find space, passed the ball around better and began building attacks from their own half.

A good break from halfway by Sam took him past several Rhosee defenders before finishing smartly. He claimed his hat-trick soon after from a clever through-ball by Tom Collingridge. The referee then blew for half-time with the score at 8-0 to the

Reds.

With a number of personnel changes at half-time, a much changed Reds side started the second half on the attack against a Rhosee team reinforced with additional players.

The Reds swiftly extended their lead through Steffan Evans who, soon after, managed to miss the unmissable!

Ruben Davies then opened his account with a fine left-foot finish and a stunning headed goal by Finlay Ball from an excellent left-footed cross by Steffan made it 11-0.

Soon after, a cross by Finlay led to a shot from Ruben being blocked and the ball fell to Toby Mallett, whose fine shot was well held by the goalkeeper.

The keeper then proceeded to make two more good saves before Finlay's poaching instincts claimed his second after good following-up work.

With the game opening up, some spirited play from Rhosee, who battled to the end, led to a number of attacks and shots at goal.

With 10 minutes to go the Reds unleashed Ben, Rhys and Aron. In the final few minutes a great pass down the right wing by Harry Treharne led to a cross from Ruben being turned into the net for the first ever goal from goalkeeper-turned-striker Aron Kempson.

The referee blew for full-time shortly afterwards with the final score 13-0 to the Reds.

Squad: Finlay Ball, Tom Collingridge, Ben Cooke, Ruben Davies, Sam Davies, Steffan Evans, Akka Guwy, Rhys Hardman, Will Harris, Aron Kempson, Toby Mallett, Benji Mulcahy, Jac Roberts, Craig Tapsfield, Edward Thomas, Harry Treharne.

CT

Bowls club's pre-season meeting

COWBRIDGE Bowls Club is holding its pre-season meeting in the clubhouse on Wednesday, March 30 at 7.30pm (meet at 7pm), and new members will be welcomed to this meeting.

2016 promises to be another busy year with the ladies and the men being involved in their established competitions against other clubs.

Captain this year for the ladies is Phillis Price and for the men Clive Pritchard. The club also has its own internal

competitions, with the finals played in September.

Organized social bowls is available to members on Mondays and Fridays. These are fun sessions which have proved to be very popular and an ideal way for new members to get to know us.

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Cowbridge Comprehensive School sports round-up

Congratulations to the Year 8, 9 and 10 netball teams who were runners-up in the recent Cardiff and Vale County Netball finals.

A special mention must go to Amelie Clode (year-8), Eve Mordecai (year-9) and Sophie Rees (year-10), as they were awarded players of the tournament in their respective year groups. Well done to all the girls involved.

SHERMAN DANCE FESTIVAL

Congratulations to the girls from years 7, 8 and 9 who performed in the Cardiff and Vale Schools Dance Festival.

This was held in the Sherman Theatre on March 3-4.

They danced a delightful interpretation of Ed Sheeran's song 'Photograph' to fit the theme of Legacy, which was very well received by the large audience.

Many thanks to the girls for their outstanding commitment and dedication to the show.



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Game of two halves as Cowbridge RFC lose under the lights

COWBRIDGE RFC travelled to Canton last Friday evening for a 7pm kick off under floodlights.

On a cold clear evening, and with uncontested scrums from the start, Cowbridge played some superb rugby in the opening 10 minutes with backs and forwards combining to run the ball at every opportunity and were rewarded in the eighth minute as the ball spun along the backs for Duncan Evans to sprint over, converted by full back Ben

Wright.

With plentiful possession Cowbridge continued to attack and with 26 minutes on the clock, centre Evans broke following the breakdown of a Canton attack and distributed to fellow centre Will Williams, who outstripped the opposition with a fine turn of pace to score near the post. Wright added the conversion to make the half-time score Canton 0, Cowbridge 14.

Cowbridge continued well at the start of the second half but a yellow card after 10 minutes

allowed the powerful Canton pack to gain the upper hand and two quick converted tries brought the scores level.

Cowbridge fought back with a penalty to regain the lead but Canton came straight back with a third converted try to lead 21-17.

Despite limited possession Cowbridge were still very much in the game until a Canton interception try from the half way sealed their victory, the final score Canton 26, Cowbridge 17.

The boys will be disappointed not to have come away with at least a bonus point but the Canton pack in the second half proved just too strong.

The youth travelled to Llandaff on Saturday morning and, with the accumulation of fixtures, the game was a decider for the next round of both the East District and Cardiff

and Vale Cup; in a fast and open game the boys triumphed 46-7.

This Saturday they play Merthyr Tydfil at home, kicking off at 11am. On April 9, the team are in the semi-final of the National Youth Cup against Llanelli Wanderers at the Llandarcy Academy kicking off at 4pm, more details next week.

The first XV travel to Llandrindod Wells this Saturday, looking to get back to winning ways. A coach will be leaving the club at 11am and departing Llandrindod no later than 6.30pm.

For supporters to confirm a place on this exciting trip please contact the club on Thursday evening.

The following Saturday we travel to St Albans and on April 9 they have Taffs Well at home.

RV/RK

Barry RFC are ready for action!

WITH the Six Nations over, Barry RFC can get back to league action this weekend as they visit Treherbert at the beginning of a crowded end of season fixture list which will see teams playing well into May.

Kick off is at 2.30pm with a coach available for supporters leaving the clubhouse at 12.30pm.

The second XV also travel for their fixture to Llanishen with the kick off at 2.30pm.

Last Saturday's Mega 4 Lottery numbers were 3, 7, 13 and 23, which again produced no winners, so this week's jackpot will be £1,565.

AJ

The Barry and District league tables and results

CRIB DIVISION 1:
Moors Boys 10, Cadroxton Cons 5; West End Runaways 8, Wyndham Cons 7; Liberals 9, West End 6.

League table:
Wyndham Cons 152, West End 146, West End Runaways 141, Liberals 139, Rhooose Social 137, Moors Boys 132, Cadroxton Cons 128.

SKITTLES DIVISION 1:
Sea View B 2, West End D 5; King William XII 5, Rhooose Social C 2; Allsorts 1.5, Barries Boys 5.5; Slammers 6, Liberals A 1; Liberals C 7, Cambrian Flyers 0; Rhooosters 2.5, Rhooose Social A 4.5; Rhooose Social B 2, West End C 5.

League table:
Sea View B 99.5, West End D 81, Rugby Club 79.5, Barries Boys 76, King William XII 71.5, West End C 71, Rhooose Social B 67.5, Rhooose Social A 66, Allsorts 65.5, Slammers 65, Liberals A 58, Rhooosters 58, Liberals C 55.5, Rhooose Social C 53, Cambrian Flyers 48.

SNOOKER DIVISION 1:
Wyndham Cons A 1, Cadroxton Cons B 4, Savoy A 5, Market Street

C 0; Rhooose Social C 1, Harbour B 4; West End C 3, Rhooose Social B 2; Penarth Cons B 3, Cadroxton Cons Z 2.

League table:
Savoy A 82, Harbour B 82, Cadroxton Cons B 71, Wyndham Cons A 62, West End C 59, *Cadroxton Cons Z 47, Rhooose Social B 40, Rhooose Social C 38, Caddy Allstars 37, Penarth Cons B 36, Market Street C 32.

SNOOKER DIVISION 2:
Wyndham Cons C 4, West End A 1; Cadroxton Cons A 2, Sully Sports A 3; Savoy B 3, West End B 2; Penarth Cons A 1, Liberals 4; Services Social B 4, Wyndham Cons D 1.

League table:
Services Social B 74, Liberals 67, Penarth Cons A 67, Market Street B 65, Savoy B 64, Wyndham Cons A 60, Cadroxton Cons A 51, West End A 46, Sully Sports A 40, West End B 34, Wyndham Cons D 32 (* = points deducted).

All league and cup fixtures and results at www.barryleagues.co.uk and on Facebook - search for 'barry leagues'.

JW

Vale Resort teams up with Glamorgan CC



Hugh Morris, chief executive of Glamorgan CCC, Paul Beddoe, sales and marketing director at the Vale Resort and Dean Cosker, Glamorgan CCC player.

GLAMORGAN County Cricket Club and The Vale Resort have signed a new, mutually beneficial, three-year partnership deal which means the exclusive sport resort will become the club's official hotel partner.

As well as the joint marketing opportunities that the partnership will offer, The Vale Resort will extend its hospitality to visiting international and county teams in need of accommodation when they play at the SSE SWALEC Stadium.

One of the first teams to benefit from the deal, Kent County Cricket Club, will stay at the resort during its five-day match against Glamorgan County Cricket Club in June.

Paul Beddoe, sales and marketing director at The Vale Resort, said: "The Vale Resort is already the official hotel and training venue for the Welsh Rugby Union and training venue for the Football Association of Wales, as well as home to Cardiff City Football Club and Cardiff Blues.

"A relationship with Glamorgan County Cricket Club is something that we have been keen on developing for some time and is the next natural step for us, very much adding to our position of attracting professional sports teams and providing world class sporting facilities."

"The current set up within Glamorgan is exciting and dynamic, and we are delighted to be working alongside such a professional team, providing a first-class service to match their first-class performance."

Hugh Morris, chief executive and director of cricket at Glamorgan CCC, said: "With The Vale Resort's reputation so closely tied to sporting and hospitality excellence, this partnership seemed a perfect fit. When teams and supporters visit The SSE SWALEC we pride ourselves on the warm welcome that they receive and we know that this an ethos shared by The Vale."

"We look forward to building on our existing relationship and enjoying a successful partnership going forward."

Camelots are consigned to the drop after defeat

LAST Monday, Barry Chess Club's second team, the Camelots, were due to host the visiting North Cardiff Woodpushers.

However as the home venue was unavailable, and to avoid postponement, both clubs agreed to play the fixture at Whitchurch Rugby Club.

A number of the regular Camelots players were unavailable and so a weakened team was selected, but had the benefit of Rhys Steele being available while home from Oxford University for a few weeks.

The Camelots found themselves outgraded on all five boards and it was no surprise that Peter Watkins and Chris Green succumbed to early pressure, while Matthew Parry and Rhys Steele battled valiantly against their illustrious opponents before resigning.

On the bottom board Martin Ricketts, already an exchange up against young Susanna Fraser, fell for a delightful pin against his queen and king involving

Susanna's rook and bishop.

This was Susanna's first-ever match for North Cardiff in Division One and she has a very bright chess career ahead of her.

The 0-5 defeat makes little difference to Camelots' position as they are already doomed to life in Division Two next season.

The Barry Chess Club meets at 7.30pm each Monday at the West End Club. St. Nicholas Road, Barry CF62 6QY. The club is open to players of all standards; whether you are interested in playing competitive chess or just the occasional friendly games.

New players are very welcome to just turn up on the night but if you contact one of the club members through the website we can explain what is happening on the night you have in mind, and arrange for someone to greet you on your arrival.

For more details visit our website at <http://barrychessclub.yolasite.com>.

MR

Glamorgan players link up with Cavs

THE Llantwit Major Cavaliers have been allocated by Glamorgan Cricket Club Mark Wallace and Kiran Carlsen for visits to the club this season.

Glamorgan players appearing at club presentation nights or other events have always been valued by clubs around Wales.

In an attempt to align with Cricket Wales' development work, a plan has been agreed with Glamorgan Cricket to offer appearances to 40-plus clubs in 2016.

The Llantwit Major Cavaliers have been working hard with Cricket Wales to get more support for the club, and we now have Glamorgan players allocated, as well as support with our schools programme.

The Cavs are also appealing to all ex-cricketers who may wish to stay involved in cricket.

As part of the recent promotion to Division 2 of the South Wales Cricket Association, LMCCC are looking for a scorer for their Saturday first team, and want to know if there is anyone in the local community who may be interested in getting involved.

The requirement

would be for the scorer to be able to get to as many games as they can and some expenses can be provided.

If anyone is interested and wishes to find out more or to get involved please make contact with Dave Cheal, more details at <http://llantwitmajorcavaliers.playcricket.com>.

DMC

VALE TEAM ARE THE TOP JUNIORS!



A group of south Wales golfers have beaten the best of Great Britain and Ireland to become the top junior club team.

The team of The Vale Resort had already won the Welsh title to qualify for the finals of the Nigel Dolton Junior Team Trophy, but they went to Spain to beat the top clubs from Scotland, England and all of Ireland as well.

Green Meadow from Wales had also qualified for the finals, held at the Antequera course in Spain, but it was the Vale team who won all their matches to win the title.

There were two clubs each from England and Scotland, as well as one

from Northern Ireland and one from Southern Ireland.

Vale junior organiser Andy Oliver explained, "It was a fantastic effort from our team, up against some really good players from the UK and Ireland."

The Vale junior golf team are Jack Wiggins, Ronan Oliver, Ben Davies, Grace Connelly, Jordan Oliver, Oliver Brown, Callaghan Smith and Morgan Grace, with junior organisers Oliver and Ian Wiggins.

Pictured above (left to right) are: Ben Davies, Ronan Oliver (vice captain), Jack Wiggins (captain), Grace Connelly, Jordan Oliver, Oliver Brown, Callaghan Smith, Morgan Grace.

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BOWLS CLUB OPEN DAY

BARRY Athletic Bowls Club are looking for new male members, both experienced and complete novices, of any age who would like to play bowls.

The club will be holding an open day on Saturday, April 9 from 2.30pm, when all newcomers will be welcome; we can supply the equipment, all you will need are trainers or flat-soled, heel-less shoes.

We do not have a ladies membership at present, but if enough ladies are interested in making up a team, we would be delighted to consider it.

For further information please contact secretary Clive Cottrell on 01446 410708; also current members please note that the spring general meeting takes place on April 8 at 7pm - a full turnout would be appreciated.

CC



SIX NATIONS RUGBY

Team hits the ground
running... but too late!



THE TWO DIRE HALVES OF RUGBY THAT ENDED TITLE HOPES

Wales finally cut loose and left to ponder on *what if..?*

IT may seem churlish to the point of absurdity to sound any note of caution when a team has comprehensively demolished the opposition by a record-breaking 67 points to 14 – scoring nine excellent tries in the process – and the Welsh camp were understandably jubilant after ending their Six Nations campaign on a notable high in front of the usual full house at Cardiff's Principality stadium on Saturday.

There is no question, as head coach Warren Gatland pointed out in the post-match media

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by Don John

briefing, that this was a much-improved performance on the disappointing, 60-minute no-show against England two weeks before at Twickenham, which saw the collapse of their title hopes for another year.

However, the Welsh camp will be mindful that their injury-hit opponents on Saturday – perennial wooden spoonists Italy – have been

beaten by every other team in the tournament, shipping a grand total of 224 points and amassing only 79 – unsurprisingly looking for all the world like a punch-dazed boxer who had taken one KO too many.

Moreover, the home team really was on a hiding to nothing, with victory surely being taken for granted against Six Nations minnows who were walloped 61-20 last year, and with nothing more at stake on the final day of the tournament than the runners-up spot – as it turned out, to England – who completed their first Grand Slam for 13 years under new coach Eddie Jones, with a 31-21 win in Paris.

What critics and supporters alike were hoping to see was a complete 80-minute performance at last from a talented, and now matured Welsh squad, that had promised so much more at the outset of the campaign, after the heroics of the Rugby World Cup, but had managed to hit true form only in fits and starts.

In the event, while no-one can argue with the one-sided, and at times exhilarating display (George North's brilliant solo try was a highlight that brought the ecstatic crowd to their feet), there was still the nagging sense that this Six Nations represented an opportunity lost, and potential again unfulfilled.

It is a mark of the national squad's success under Gatland's astute stewardship, that the overly high expectations which are never far below the surface in Welsh rugby, have now become an even heavier burden of pressure for his players to carry.

They know they are capable of much more than was shown in a frustrating Six Nations tournament that realistically was lost in the first 40 minutes of the opening drawn match in Dublin. It was compounded by the tepid first half at Twickenham, which handed England the Triple Crown and sent them on their way to a title that had once seemed well within Welsh reach – prompting assistant coach Robin McBryde to admit: "That result, and the performance, took the wind out of our sails a little bit".

Gatland, though, was insistent that the Ireland result was not so much about Wales playing poorly: "It was more a reflection that Ireland really came out and played well in that first period – but there's no doubt we didn't perform to the level we expect of ourselves."

Hmm...Be that as it may, the camp are left to ponder on what might have been. They also know that their now habitual slow starts and the kind of lapses in concentration and clinical execution that cost at least two or three more tries on Saturday, will be ruthlessly punished by better sides, as the focus of attention starts to turn to the far more formidable challenge to come in the three "summer tests against world champions New Zealand.

The arduous tour will clearly require them to

step up several gears from current levels of performance if they are to be at all competitive in the unforgiving land of the long white cloud.

No-one can be more acutely aware of this than Gatland himself, with the Kiwi saying the tour is timely, given that the All Blacks are in transition, following the retirement of senior players and that their incoming successors will be under severe pressure to perform.

He has also responded sharply to criticism that Welsh play is "boring" and "predictable" and after the nine-try blitz on Saturday, insisted that they were trying to evolve a more expansive style of play: "It's just taking a little bit of time... We showed some nice improvement today. We showed progression towards the end against England and there were some nice touches again today" (against Italy).

Certainly, the team showing four changes, came out with greater intent and returning scrum half Rhys Webb was first to get his name on the scoreboard with a typical sniping run after just four minutes. Outside half Dan Biggar slotted over the conversion, then added two penalties and converted his own try and a touchdown by Jonathan Davies, to end the first half with a commanding 27-0 lead.

It was already clear that the bravely battling Azzurri were in for another torrid afternoon and the totally one-sided nature of the encounter was underlined when almost immediately, Jamie Roberts powered through the fragile defence as if it wasn't there. He was followed four minutes later by man-of-the-match, George North, who went on a long, curving, in-and-out run that left defenders scrabbling in his wake, to touch down under the posts, end his try 'drought', and finally confirm his return to world class form.

With the scoreline reading 39-0 and Wales now rampant in all areas, it might have been expected that Italian heads would drop, but far from it and they hit back through a converted try, which was cancelled out almost immediately by full back Liam Williams' touchdown that widened the gap to 46-7.

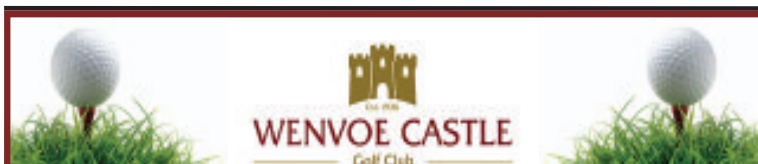
Wales conceded another converted try on the hour mark, but then mustered a powerful forward surge that saw the impressive Ross Moriarty, who had replaced the injured Justin Tipuric, early in the first half, cross over and emerge with a big smile on his face!

At 53-14, the outclassed visitors could have been forgiven for looking at the clock but there was still time for them to have a try disallowed and for Wales to add two more touchdowns, by that man Moriarty again, and replacement scrum half Gareth Davies, both of which were converted by replacement outside half Rhys Priestland, for a final score of 67-14.

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